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Jan. 24, 1964	Post office to be built in West Asheville "Park"
April 12, 1964	Asheville News changes hands
June 9, 1964	Construction begins on new West a Post Office
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Aug. 27, 1964	West Asheville youths play trick on motorists
Oct. 5, 6, 1964	Surging waters engulf New Asheville Speedway River keeps rising
Nov. 29, 1964	New West Asheville Post Office opens

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Jan. 5, 1965	Calvary Baptist Church celebrates 60th birthday
May 16, 1965	W. Patton, Smoky Bridge accidents decline
May 19, 1965	1st place winner flower arranging contest
May 30, 1965	Junior Johnson wins 300 race
Nov. 14, 1965	Asheville Sectional Postal Center opens
Jan. 10, 1966	Gifts & Farewells: Dr. Mrs. W.G. Thomas leave West Asheville Presbyterian Church
May 5, 1966	19,430 endorse new site for Aston Park Hospital
May 7, 1966	Mother's love goes 2nd mile (Mrs. Edna Walsh Phillips)
Oct. 10, 1966	Stewart St. & New Jersey Ave. closed
Feb. 10, 1967	Rhododendron Park to be sold at auction Mar. 15
Mar. 31, 1967	Park site is sold to hospital
April 17, 1967	Haywood Rd. postal unit opens Aycock School is named for education governor
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May 22, 1967	Vance School is named for Civil War governor
May 31, 1967	Park site is sold to hospital
Dec. 20, 1967	Jr. Rhododendron Club, day care party
1968	Aston Park Hospital: Where We're Going
Jan. 27, 1968	Ribbon Cutting for new Moore's Super Store
April 9, 1968	3 Pisgah View tenants named to plans group
July 7, 1968	Asheville Drive-In Church bulletin
Oct. 28, 1968	Work starts on warehouse for Dr. T.C. Smith firm
Nov. 17, 1968	Asheville Packing Company begins 70th year

1969	50 years of Asheville Kiwanis; E.E. Wheeler 1st president, recalls early growth
Jan. 26, 1969	1916 flood left 6 people dead
	Parks and Recreational Centers
Aug. 26, 1969	Burton St. School may be put into use
Nov. 6, 1969	Junior Rhododendron Club officers

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Fire Consumes Building

Firemen poured water into a burning building at 50 Mimosa Drive Tuesday afternoon. Three firemen were injured when part of the building's walls collapsed and another was treated for smoke inhalation. Related photos on Page 1, Section 3. (Staff Photo by Ewart Ball.)

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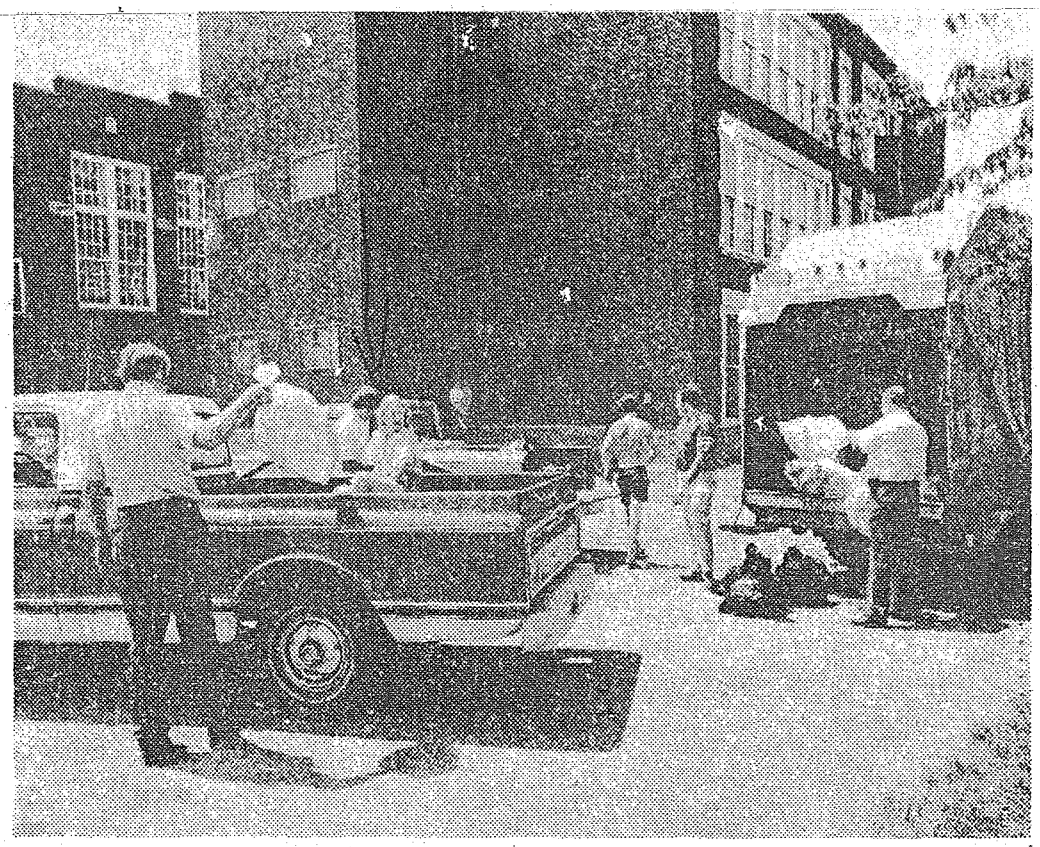

Collecting Garbage

City officials spent the day Thursday assisting citizens who brought their uncollected garbage to six collection sites in Asheville, as the city workers strike continued for the third day. A steady stream of cars and trucks filled with garbage cans and bags kept the volunteer workers busy at Vance School in West Asheville. City of Asheville garbage trucks will be at the collection locations again from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday. (Statt Photo by Ewart Ball)

JEFF ANGIE MRS. HOFFMAN MRS. OBARA MRS. HOPPER

An Evergreen Tree

Three newly elected officers of the Junior Rhodendron Club present the club's gift, a white pine tree, to Lions Cottage at Eliada Home for Children. Officers presenting the tree are Mrs. Cyril Obara, conservation chairman and newly elected vice president, Mrs. James Hopper, secretary, and Mrs. Charles Hoffman, treasurer. Jeff Carson and Angie Janko from Lion's cottage receive the gift. (Staff Photo by June Glenn Jr.)

Sharing

Asheville Junior Rhododendron Club donated picnic tables, ice cream freezer, and towels to the boys in Lion's Cottage at Eliada Home for Children. Money for the purchases was earned by the club members at bake sales. Shown are, (L-R): David Lively, Mrs. James Hopper, past chairman of the ways and means committee; Mrs. John W. Gossett II, vice president and chairman of ways and means, Philip Marshall and Jerry Lewis. (Staff Photo by June Glenn Jr.)

Up She Goes

A breeze, a kite and a bunch of boys fit in with spring just like marbles and baseball. These were photographed at Hall Fletcher Junior High School yesterday, taking advantage of the last day of March. —Times Photo by Malcolm Gamble.

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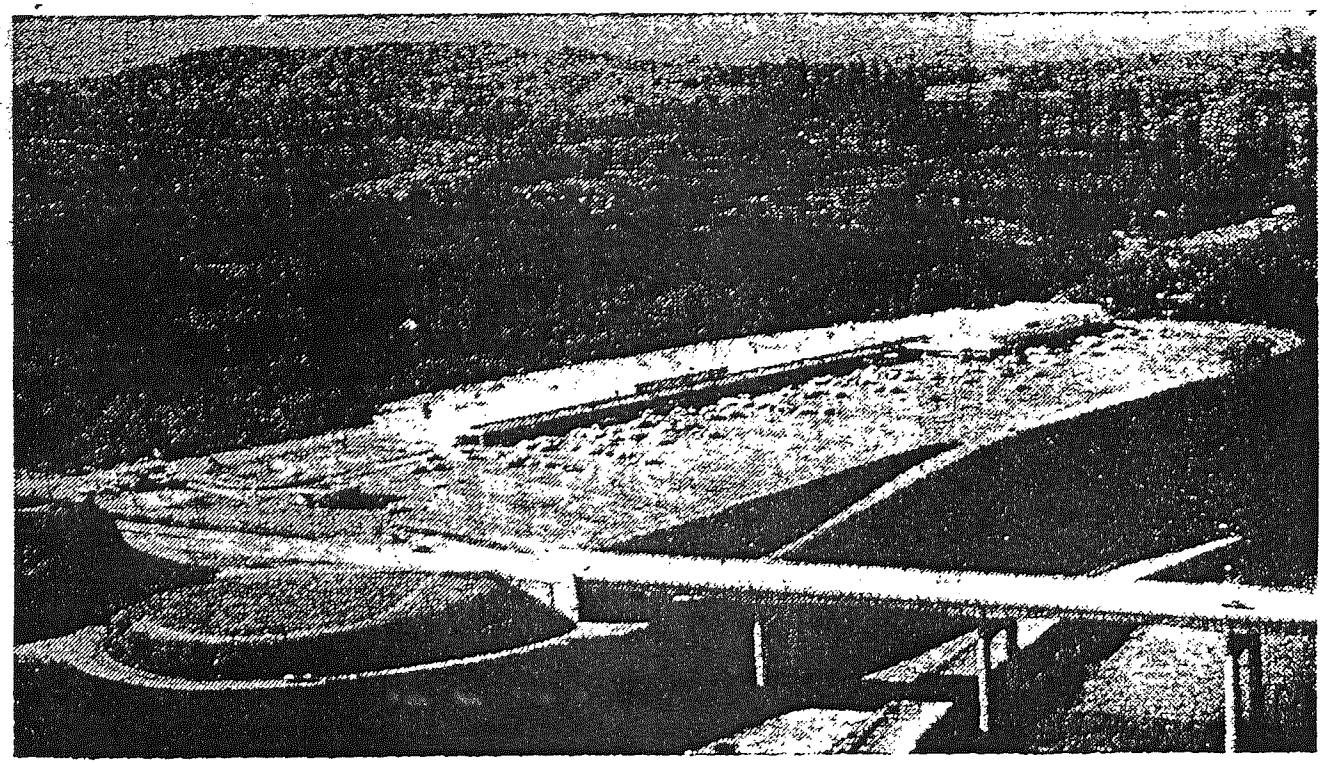

"THIS PICTURE MAY CHANGE"—Rumor has it that Westgate Shopping Center is planning extensive expansion in the near future. Talk along the Westgate mall is that Winn-Dixie is planning a huge new store at Westgate and that Eckerd also may enlarge, both new units to be located between the present Eckerd store and the Pure Oil station. Ledford's men's and women's apparel store of Charlotte has announced that they will occupy the present Winn-Dixie space. A bakery, jewelry store, and other shops are seeking locations. Also heard is that another major department store is negotiating for space in the center . . . and that the area's largest motel may locate across the highway from Westgate, within the traffic circle shown in the above photograph. (Adv.)

"SPRING BRINGS CHANGES AT WESTGATE"

Kiddieville opened at Westgate in its new location near the Smoky Park Bridge on April 3, and thousands of youngsters are enjoying the rides and the high ferris wheel overlooking the French Broad River. The old German merry-go-round with carved wooden horses, the Kiddiekar ride, the Whip, the Airglide, the exciting Bumpercars, and the largest ferris wheel in Western North Carolina are attracting more than 10,000 children weekly. This exciting playground for children and young adults is operated by Leland Johnson of Hendersonville.

Five thousand young petunia plants have been planted in the Westgate flower boxes by Cedar Valley Greenhouses, owned by Carrington Herbert, formerly of Asheville, now located in Laurens, South Carolina. The petunias at Westgate afford a profusion of blossoms throughout the summer and into the late fall. This year the flower boxes will feature the "Ballerina," "Camanchee", "White Magic" and other exotic varieties. This Westgate floral display of petunias has attracted attention and has received very favorable comment from visitors throughout the country.

Three new flagpoles have been erected at the front of the Westgate parking lot near the bridge. These flagpoles fly the American flag, the North Carolina flag, and the new Westgate flag. The Westgate seal in canary yellow and dark blue features Mount Pisgah and the Rat, with Westgate Shopping Center in the foreground. The Westgate flag is Carolina blue with the seal on the blue field. These three flags present a colorful array to the 27,000 cars which cross Smoky Park Bridge daily. (Adv.)

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Wednesday, April 27, 1960 Section Two

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Members of the Dogwood Junior Garden Club of Vance School entertained some 250 delegates to the 35th annual convention of the Garden Club of North Carolina at a breakfast honoring juniors in Grove Park Inn this morning. The Dogwood Club presented a skit, directed by Mrs. J. W. Moore of Asheville. At an impromptu rehearsal beside the swimming pool, David Henson, club president, presided as a Litterbug. The others are Rusty Gregory, Janice Mewborne, Linda Harding, John Gilbreath, Susan Bradley, Barbara Downey, Patricia Beaver and Pamela Roberts.

Achievement Awards Go To Garden Club Juniors

Ten achievement awards were presented to clubs and individuals at breakfast honoring junior members during the final day of the 35th annual convention of the Garden Club of North Carolina at Grove Park Inn this morning.

Mrs. W. B. Wellons of Smithfield, District 8 chairman of the junior clubs, was awarded the Nell E. Boyer Silver Bowl. It was the second time that award was won by District 8—the first time was in 1956.

In addition to the 10 achievement awards, Mrs. Ralph F. Thompson of Henderson, state chairman of junior garden clubs, was awarded a life membership in the Garden Club of North Carolina for her outstanding work.

The Thompson Silver Pitcher went to the Cardinal Junior Garden Club of Durham, which also tied with the Sow and Reap Junior Garden Club of Wilson for the Macrae Silver Pitcher.

The Hummingbird Junior Garden Club of Yanceyville won the Doub Silver Bowl; the Black Eyed Susans and Bachelorsbuttons Club of Mt. Holly, the Zatkiewicz Silver Bowl; and the Nature Lovers Junior Garden Club of Winston-Salem, the Kepler Silver Tray.

Other awards included the Elizabethan Garden Fund Book, to the Snap Dragon Junior Garden Club of Hickory; the Barden Silver Bowl, to the Green Valley Junior Garden Club of Brevard; the Thomas Rose Bowl, to the Waynesville Junior Garden Club; and the Williams Award to the Betsy Carr Sow and Reap Junior Garden Club of Wilson.

In addition, some 57 awards were presented to winning entrants in scrapbook, yearbook and poster contests. Special blue ribbons for reports went to Mrs. W. B. Winstead, senior counselor of the Little Junior Garden Club of Mt. Tizzah School in Roxboro; Mrs. R. L. Brame of the Cardinal Junior Garden Club in Durham, Mrs. Sarah Norton of the Black Eyed Susans and Bachelors Buttons Junior Garden Club of Mt. Holly; Mrs. Roderic L. Jones of the Busy Bee Junior Garden Club of Jacksonville; Mrs. C. A. Richardson of the Green Valley Junior Garden Club of Brevard; Mrs. Louis Hodges of the Hummingbird Junior Garden Club of Yanceyville; and Mrs. J. I. Kelly of the Seaside Junior Garden Club in Wilmington.

There are 155 junior clubs in North Carolina with a total membership of 3,420. In addition to Mrs. Wellons, four others were cited as outstanding directors. **They are Mrs. M. J. Boyer of Hickory, Mrs. S. C. Zatkiewicz of Wilmington, Mrs. Roy E. Owen of Charlotte, and Mrs. B. B. Hunnicutt of Leaksville.**

A flower arrangement demonstration this morning, by four accredited judges, drew some 550 persons including delegates, officers and visitors.

Spring arrangements of white and purple lilacs and tulips predominated. Judges were Mrs. Lawrence T. Hansen of Greensboro, Mrs. Fred W. Sturtevant of Mt. Airy, Mrs. W. C. Landolina Sr. of Clemmons and Mrs. Joe Simon of Kinston.

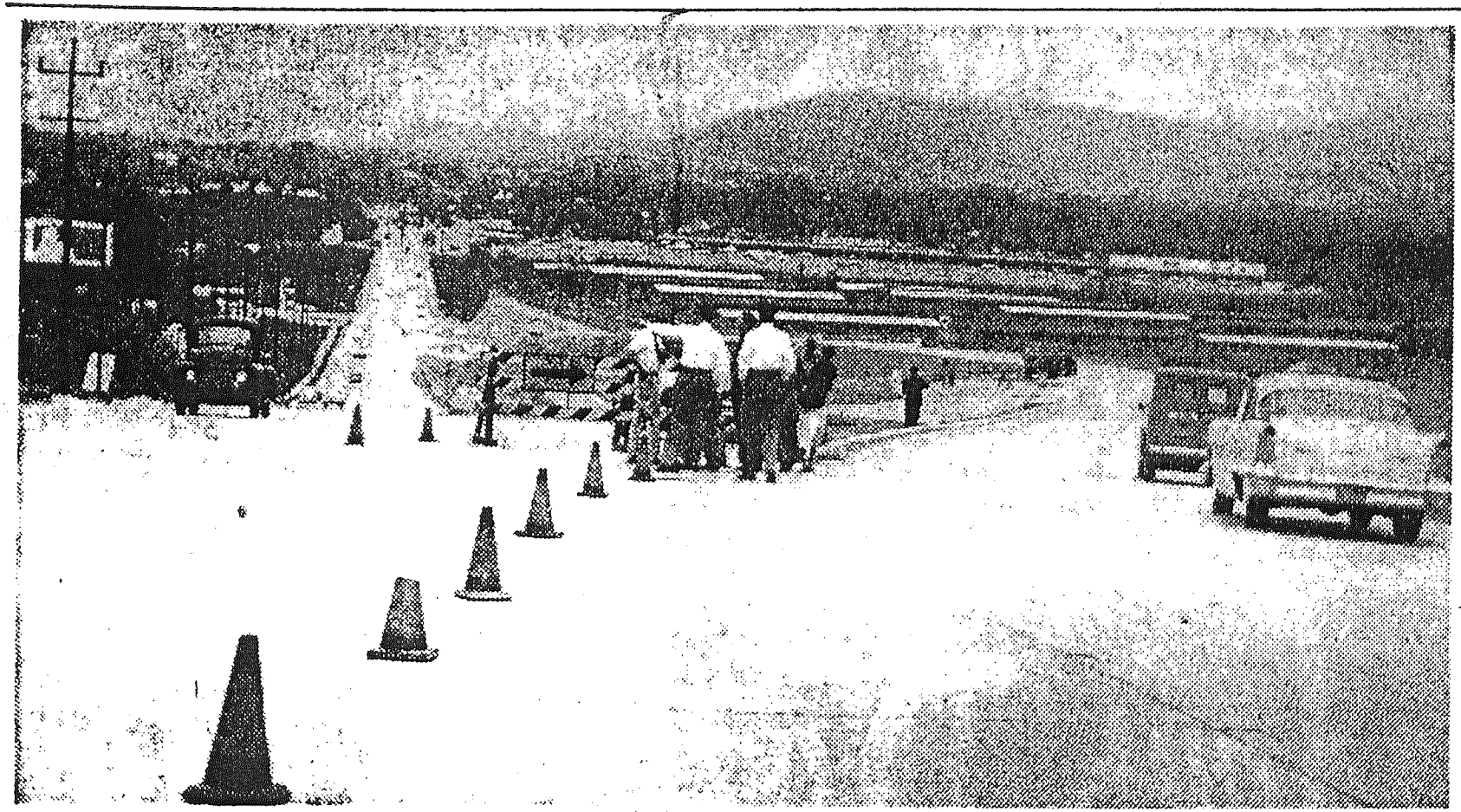
More than 100 life memberships were to be awarded at a luncheon in their honor early this afternoon.

The delegates to the convention heard Mrs. Jamie Johnson of Detroit, Mich., president of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, proclaim gardening an aid in the cause for world peace at a banquet in her honor last night. Mrs. Johnson declared that "gardening has no national barriers."

In other business last night, Mrs. Wesley Taylor of Greensboro and Mrs. C. W. Griffith of Winston-Salem were elected trustees of the state organization, and Mrs. H. D. Walker of Elizabeth City and Mrs. J. Randolph Baker of Goldsboro, trustees of the Elizabethan Gardens at Manteo.

New district directors elected were: District 2, Mrs. Clifford Huffman of Hickory; District 4, Mrs. Harold Carter of Winston-Salem; District 6, Mrs. Arthur F. Smith of Hamlet; District 7, Mrs. S. M. Mills of Laurinburg; District 8, Mrs. Carl Pegg of Chapel Hill; and District 10, Mrs. Normal Winslow of Washington.

Bruce Emory Research



—Times Photo by Ewart Ball

They Uncorked A Bottle(neck)

State highway engineers today opened to traffic an Expressway ramp which will carry westbound traffic on Patton avenue over Hall street and back onto Smoky Park Highway Bridge. The opening of the four-tenths-of-a-mile ramp will eliminate a one-lane bottleneck for westbound cars at the east approach to the bridge, and establishes what will be the permanent normal traffic pattern for cars heading toward West Asheville. The Expressway proper is out of the picture at the right, and the picture itself looks down the hill to the bridge and the west.

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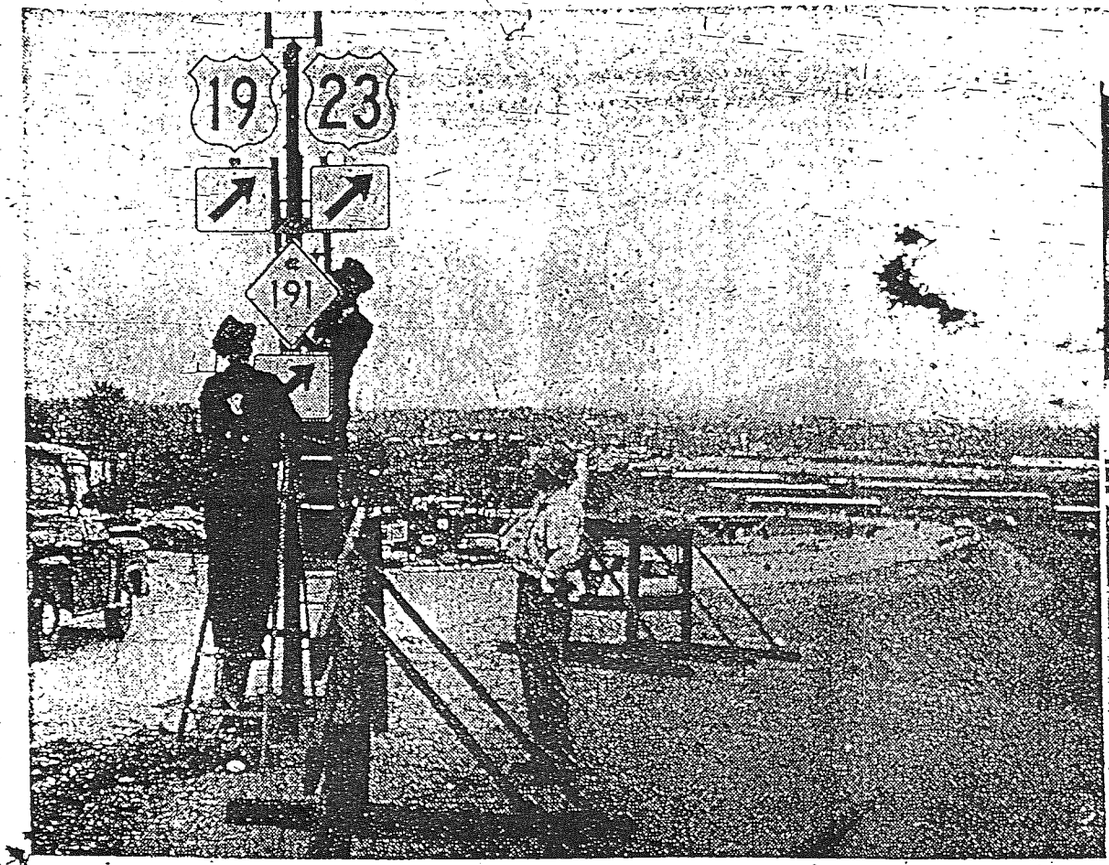

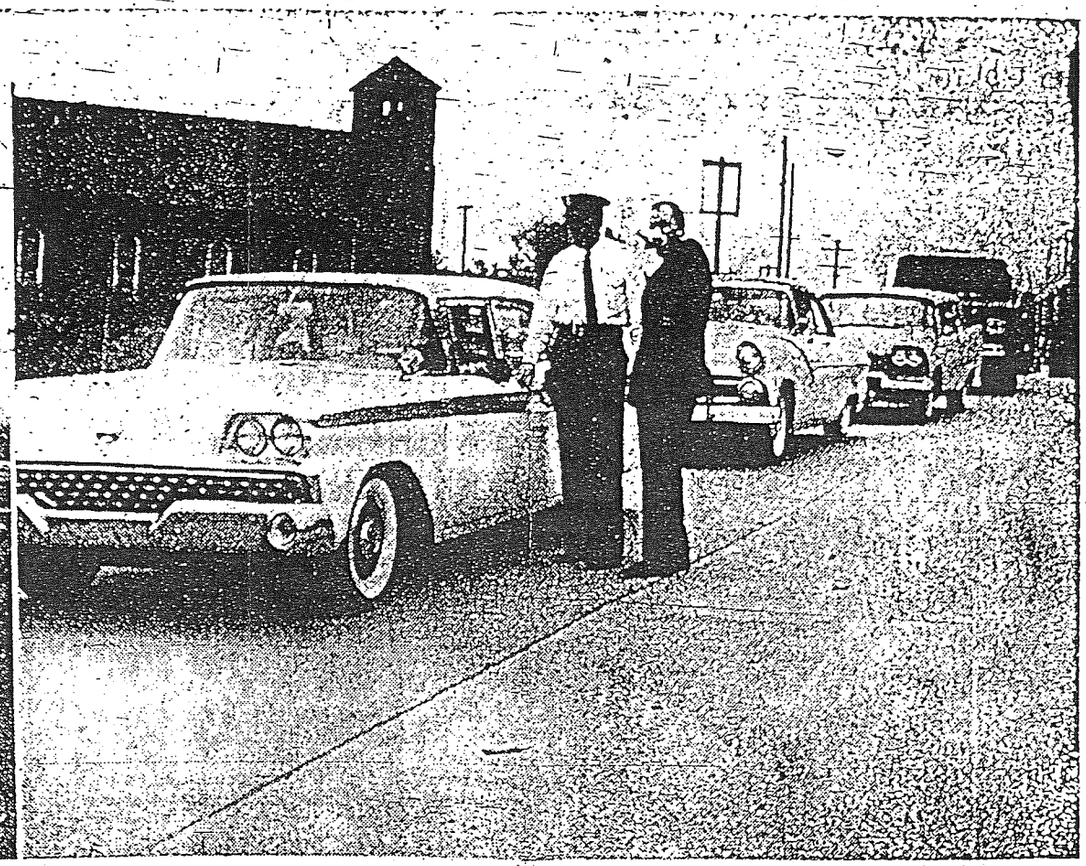

—Citizen Photos

TRAFFIC STARTED ROLLING at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday over a newly-opened ramp of the crosstown expressway carrying westbound vehicles on Patton Avenue over Hall Street and back down to the westbound lanes on Smoky Park Highway Bridge. At left, State Highway Commission employes set highway markers. At right, the car of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Grooms of 38 Dorchester Ave., first travelers on the new expressway section, is waved on by Capt. Joe Trulove, head of the City Police Department's traffic detail, and Carl B. Hyatt Jr., director of public safety. Movement over the new ramp, which will be the permanent traffic pattern at that point, eliminates a one-lane bottleneck for westbound cars at the east end on the bridge. The State Highway Commission will let contracts May 26 for paving the rest of the $6,000,000 crosstown expressway between Beaucatcher Tunnel and the Hall Street interchange. Completion is expected during the present calendar year.

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The Cat That Hanged Two Men: The Story Of The Emma Burglary

This is one of the strangest crime stories in the history of Western North Carolina—the story of the cat that hanged two men.

It occurred on Friday night, February 8, 1901, in a little country store, operated by D. J. McLellan, at Emma. The store housed a small U. S. post office. A young clerk, Sam Alexander, was sleeping on a cot in a small lean-to built at the side of the store.

The first action in the strange drama came when there was a knock on the main front door of the store, a heavy pounding that awakened young Alexander and brought him, sleepy eyed to the inside of the front door which was secured by a heavy bar extending all the way across the double door.

"Who is it?" he shouted through the door.

"We got a family sick up the road here and we need some medicine—open up," was the reply.

Alexander hesitated. It was near midnight. Outside it was pitch dark and a slow drizzle was falling. The request for medicine was not uncommon. Country stores in those days frequently carried simple remedies because there were not too many doctors nor too many drug stores. He set down the kerosene lamp, he was carrying and lifted the heavy bar from the slot that held it and stood it against the wall at the side of the casing. Then he put his hand on the latch and pulled the door toward him.

Two men, one white, one Negro, stepped out of the darkness and into the yellow glow of the lamp. Alexander found himself looking into the muzzles of two revolvers as the men covered him.

The men had white handkerchiefs tied about the lower part of their faces. The Negro was heavy and powerful, the white man was slim, quick moving, and obviously the leader of the pair.

"Do what we say and you won't get hurt," the white man said quietly.

"What do you want?" Alexander asked.

"We want money."

"I don't have any money," Alexander protested.

"You got plenty in the safe back yonder—open it up."

Alexander thought quickly, trying to devise some plan to block the robbery, but the odds seemed to be too great against him. As he hesitated, a gun was shoved against his side.

Realizing that it was useless to resist, he walked slowly to the back of the store where a small iron safe sat under the counter.

"Quit stalling and open her up," the white man ordered.

Alexander knelt down and twirled the knob on the safe. His fingers felt stiff, but in a moment he grasped the handle, twisted it and the safe door swung open. Alexander stood up and stepped back out of the way.

"Keep him covered," the white man said with a note of eagerness in his voice, "I'll take a look."

As Alexander watched helplessly, the white man got to his knees in front of the safe and began to rummage through its contents. Alexander saw the Negro's eyes on him, white and chalky in the uncertain light from the lamp. The hand that held the gun pointed at him was steady.

Crash! From the darkness near the front of the store the sound came suddenly. The big Negro, who had been covering whirled like a tiger and peered toward the front of the store. His breath whistled through his teeth as his eyes strained to pierce the gloom.

In that split-second, Alexander's tense body uncoiled like a spring. His hand darted to the top of the safe and his fingers closed around the handle of the white man's gun.

He swung the weapon up and pulled the trigger, just as the robber who was standing whirled to face him again. There was a sharp report and the Negro sagged as the lead tore through his body.

The white man who had been kneeling in front of the safe jerked to his feet, grappling with Alexander. The pistol in the big Negro's hand roared and Alexander felt something like a red hot poker tearing through his chest. The robber who was holding him sagged back. The slug had passed through Alexander's body and struck the masked white man in the the back door. The Negro knocked the bar down and jerked the door open. Alexander, seeing that he was getting away, grabbed at the gun in the Negro's hand. The robber jerked his hand away, brought the weapon up and clubbed the clerk over the head. The boy sank to the floor, just inside the doorway.

Black minutes followed for Sam Alexander. The heavy slug from the revolver in the hands of the Negro had torn its way through his side. Slowly he struggled back to consciousness fighting grimly against waves of nausea. He was lying on the floor within a few feet of the open door at the rear of the little store.

A grim little smile twisted his pain-wracked lips as he thought of what had caused the crash that had attracted the robber's attention. It was the store cat, prowling for mice, that had jumped from the shelf at the front of the store landing on an empty lard can. The sound, coming on the midnight stilless, had been startling.

Lifting his head painfully, he tried to drag himself to a sitting position. His hand moved across the floor as he struggled moved into something that was warm and sticky. It was blood. His blood.

That realization cleared his brain for an instant. He knew that he must get help, quickly. His groping fingers touched something hard and cold.

Gripping the handle of the weapon, he set his teeth and dragged his body toward the door. That four or five-foot space of grimy, oil soaked floor was like a million miles. Twice he sank back, fighting off the sea of blackness that threatened to engulf him. His body felt numb. He wondered if he was dying.

Bringing his arm around with a tremendous effort, he pointed the gun out the door straight toward the darkness across the railroad tracks. His finger tightened on the trigger. There was a spurt of flame and a report that sounded very far away to his ears. He pulled the trigger again and again.

The sounds of the shots aroused McLellan and he arrived at the store to find Alexander unconscious. Going to the telephone fastened to the wall he called Asheville and reported the robbery, asking at the same time that a doctor be sent.

That call was the signal for a hastily organized manhunt. Sheriff Reuben Lee and Capt. Frank Jordan, of the police department, were among the leaders. A cab driver reported that he had picked up four men, two white and two Negro, and brought them to the "Scratch Ankle" section near the intersection of what is now Southside Avenue and McDowell Street.

The thing that made the work of the officers easier was the fact that the white man, who served as leader, wounded in the jaw, was almost crazy with pain and unable to think clearly. The four men were found hiding in the Negro section and placed under arrest.

In addition to the leader, who gave his name as Dudley Johnson, the other three gave their names as Russ Gates, Harry Mills and Ben Foster. Foster and Mills were the Negroes and Foster was the one who had been wounded by the shot fired by Alexander.

Investigation revealed that two of the men, Johnson and Foster, had entered the store, while the others, Gates and Mills, had remained on guard outside.

Alexander, the wounded clerk, meanwhile, was hovering between life and death. His sweetheart, Laura Penland, heartbroken by the tragedy that had overtaken them, came to his bedside, keeping a vigil dictated by her love and loyalty.

Then one day, while the young clerk still lingered in a critical condition, his physician, Dr. L. B. McBrayer, said to her: "He needs something to give him a lift, a reason to fight harder. Why don't you marry him now?"

Laura Penland, unable to speak, nodded agreement. There were tears in the eyes of the little group that watched that wedding, but there was a quiet smile on Alexander's face. From that hour he began to mend rapidly.

Months passed and the four bandits were brought to trial. They were sentenced to be hanged after they were convicted of first degree burglary. Later the sentence as to Gates and Mills was changed to life imprisonment because they had not actually entered the building where Alexander was sleeping.

Alexander was given a citation by the Postmaster General for his bravery in defending the U. S. mails. He was also given a position with the Post Office Department in Washington and worked there for a number of years before returning to Asheville.

Johnson and Foster were hanged in the yard of the old county jail on Marjorie Street, Johnson refusing to the last to give his real name because he thought it would bring sorrow to his family.

"It is better that they never know," he said with a wry smile. Then he looked up and added with a flash of spirit. "It was the cat that fixed it up—cats always were unlucky for me."

Asheville School Is 60 Years Old

July 17, 1960

A preparatory school is judged by the records its students make in college. And Asheville School rates with the best.

Why is this? Headmaster David R. Falls explains it this way:

"It's tough here. There's no fooling around. The boys work and work hard. And when they get a diploma from Asheville School they are equipped to enter any college in the country and continue to do good work.

"Asheville School's purpose is to provide opportunity for our boys to realize their full capabilities. We believe in the worth of the individual and we try to train the boy to think for himself, to accept responsibility—in a word, we want to produce a man of integrity, a good citizen."

This year, Asheville School is 60 years old.

It was back in July, 1899, that two Ohio educators, Charles A. Mitchell and Newton M. Anderson, started South looking for a location for a preparatory school for boys they planned to build.

The school they had in mind would "combine the vigorous educational standards of the North with a healthful mountain climate and the social atmosphere of the South."

Enroute to Virginia to look t a possible site, Anderson met J. H. Cutler who was so enthusiastic about Asheville that Anderson decided to come down and have a look for himself.

Here he met M. H. Atkinson, real estate agent, who escorted him on a tour of the area.

Later, in January, 1900, Anderson and Mitchell together came here and Atkinson showed them the H. Batterham lands at Sulphur Springs, about six miles west of Asheville. The Ohio men stood on the wooded hill and knew this was the location they had been seeking for their school.

The nearness of the Murphy Branch of the Southern Railway solved their transportation problem. They bought the Batterham farm and several other farms surrounding it.

The Citizen of April 23, 1900, reported the sale and also carried a story on the school's proposed opening the following September.

Asheville School opened for its first term in September, 1900.

In 1933, the alumni bought the school and began operating it as a non-profit institution.

Today, the school property consists of some 300 acres of land, 12 buildings valued at more than $1,000,000.

It has a student body of 156 students and a faculty of 20.

Mr. Falls, incidentally, is in his 25th year as headmaster.

There are some 2,100 active alumni.

This summer, the original building, Anderson Hall, is being modernized at a cost of about $300,000. The money for the job came from alumni and friends.

Asheville School's growth over the years has been steady. Its future is just as secure.

Indians

The Shawano Indians had a town, before white settlers came to this region, on the banks of the Swannanoa River, near its mouth.

The town-site is now included in the city limits of Asheville, but formerly was covered by parts of Asheville, Biltmore and Kenilworth.

Shawano Town was abandoned by the Indians about 1730, 55 years before the first white settlers came across the Blue Ridge and settled in Swannanoa Valley.

It is not known whether the Shawanoes left their town in a free migration or if they were driven out by the Cherokees. Fragmentary legends tell of a terrific battle fought by the Cherokees on the site of Asheville, and many historians believe that it was at this time they drove the Shawanoes from the site.

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A FRIENDLY COMPETITION between the Malvern Hills Community Club and the Gracelyn Community Club grows stronger every day. The two groups, both working towards making their neighborhoods "the best place in town to live", got together for mutual discussions and a picnic and square dance last week at the Recreation Park, which is neutral ground. (The Malvern Hills group was organized first.) Among those who attended were, L to R, A. L. Fishel, Mrs. Emma McNary and Roy Worthington of Gracelyn, and Robert B. Bryson and Mrs. J. O. Hendrix of Malvern Hills. (Citizen-Times photo).

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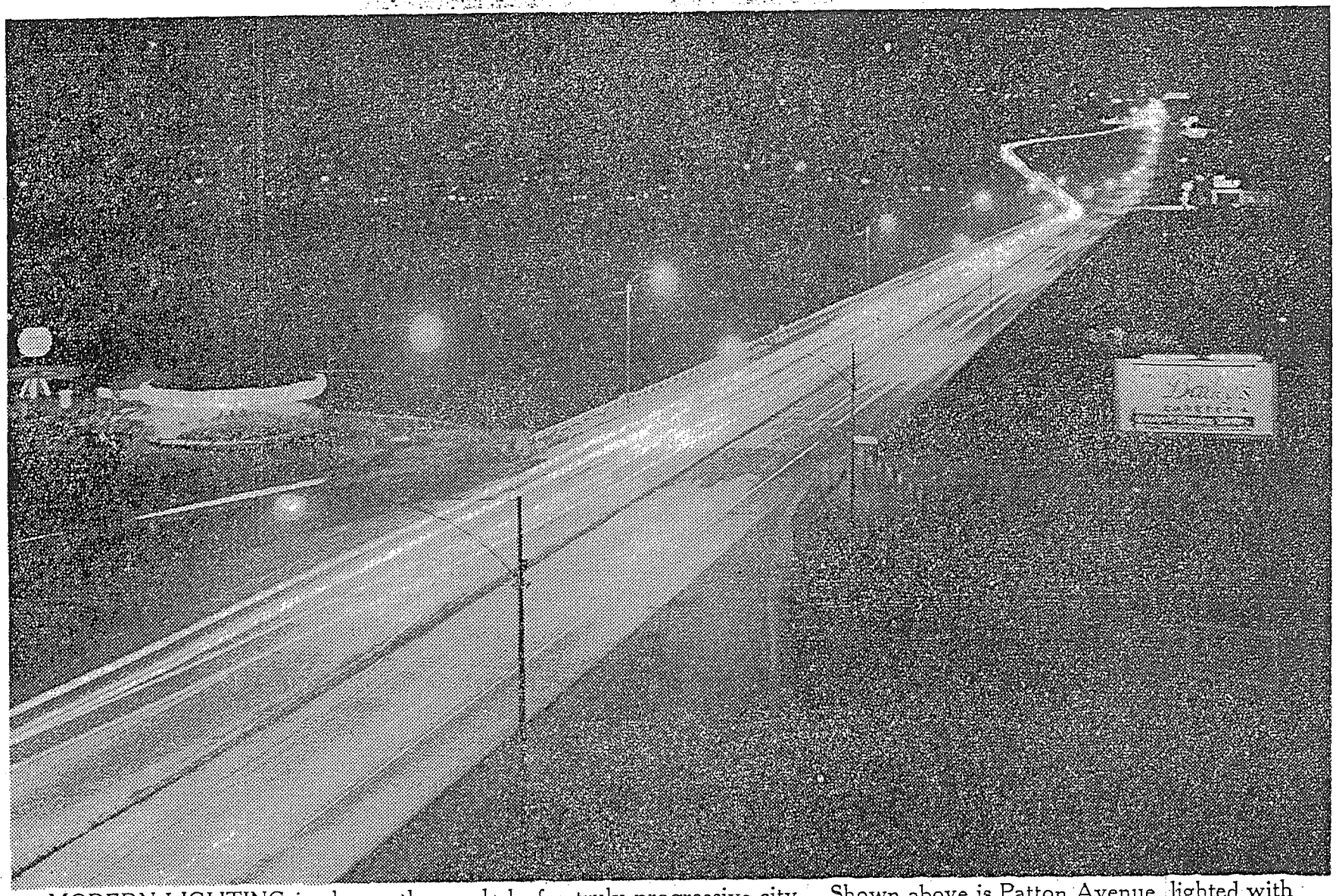

MODERN LIGHTING is always the symbol of a truly progressive city. Shown above is Patton Avenue, lighted with part of almost 400 General Electric mercury-vapor luminaires of the latest design installed in Asheville recently by Carolina Power and Light Co.

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Four Stage Routes Served Asheville Before Railroad

Before the coming of the railroad 80 years ago, there were four routes, by stages, through which Asheville was reached.

Two of these routes were from the Piedmont section of North Carolina; one from South Carolina, and one from Tennessee.

A description of these routes is given in "Mountain Scenery", by Henry E. Colton, a book published in 1859. It is now a collector's item. Copies known to be in Asheville include one in the Sondley Reference Library and one in Col. Paul Rockwell's private library.

The four stage routes, as listed by Colton were:

(1) The Swannanoa or Morganton, Route, extending from Salisbury via Statesville, Newton, Morganton, Marion, Pleasant Gardens and Swannanoa Gap to Asheville. "About 40 miles of this route is traveled in the cars of the Western Extension, and the rest is all in daylight, over a good road, in good four horse coaches."

(2) The Hickory-Nut Gap Route, which left the North Carolina Railroad at Charlotte and proceeded through Lincolnton, Shelby and Rutherfordton, across the mountains to Asheville.

"Fare from Salisbury to Asheville about $8 to $10. Meals and lodgings about $2.50. Time on the way 36 hours, but does not travel at night."

(3) The route from South Carolina, via Greenville, Saluda Gap, Flat Rock, and Hendersonville. "The staging is only 60 miles." "There is another road to Asheville, other than that through Saluda Gap. . . . It is that via Jones' Gap, taking Caesar's Head in the route. . . A new turnpike connects this place with the Sulphur Springs, near Asheville. . . . There is no regular public conveyance along this route."

(4) From Greenville, Tenn., where connection is made with the East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad. From Greeneville to Warm Springs, 25 miles; from Warm Springs to Asheville, 37 miles.

Advertisements in the back of Colton's book include:

Eagle Hotel, Asheville, J. M. Blair, proprietor.

Walton House, Morganton, C. S. Brown, proprietor. "U.S. Mail Line. Four Horse Coaches. From the terminus of the Western North Carolina Railroad to Asheville, via Morganton, Marion, Pleasant Gardens, and Swannanoa Gap. . . The traveler rests over night in Morganton, dines at Carsons on the Catawba, and is in Asheville to supper. He has a fine view of the different mountains on the route, and among them the celebrated peak of the Black Mountains—Mount Mitchell."

Buck Hotel, Asheville, Jas. H. Gudger, proprietor. "The office of the Southern, Gaston, and Murphy stages is at this house."

Livery and Sale Stables, Sullivan and Patton, proprietors. Office at Gudger's (Buck) Hotel.

"The Black Mountains, The Mountain House," T. T. Patton, proprietor. "Upon one of the peaks of this great natural curiosity, will be open for the receptions of visitors early in July. . . . A new turnpike road has been lately constructed from Judge Bailey's residence on the Swannanoa, via this House, to the highest peak. It will afford facilities heretofore unknown to the traveler. Any one desiring a comfortable night's rest in the highest house in the Southern States, perhaps in the United States, should not fail to stop over night and enjoy a sight of the lovely sunrise."

Carrier, A Transplanted Yankee, Did Much For Asheville In 1880-1890s

Edwin George Carrier, a transplanted Yankee, was one of Asheville's outstanding builders of the 1880s and 1890s.

He was one of the first representatives of northern capital to come here. He and his family were on their way to Florida in 1885 when they passed through Asheville. The incomparable climate and mountain grandeur were immediately felt and they decided to settle here.

Born in Summerville, Jefferson County, Pa., in 1829, Carrier as a boy became engaged in the lumber business there with his father. He married Catherine Elizabeth Robinson in 1861 and both moved to Michigan in 1874. From Michigan, where he developed his fortune in lumber, he came here in 1885—exactly three-quarters of a century ago—only two years after the North Carolina Legislature had made Asheville a city.

Shortly after, he purchased the first several hundred of eventually 1,200 acres of land west and north of the French Broad River, including the Sulphur Springs and J. P. Gaston properties. Thus Carrier's West Asheville Improvement Company began the modern development of West Asheville.

In 1886, he began erection of the Sulphur Springs Hotel over the site of Col. Deaver's wooden hotel which was destroyed by fire in 1862 during the Civil War. The new three-story brick structure, completed in 1887, became one of Western North Carolina's most popular tourist resorts. It became known as Carrier's Springs and then as The Belmont. A wing was added in 1889 and contained the first electric passenger elevator in the South.

Dr. Carl Von Ruck leased the Hotel in October, 1891, for a ten year period. But under his management it was totally destroyed by fire on Aug. 24, 1892. Thousands of people visited the burned down spot during the next few days.

In 1889 Carrier built a low wood dam across Hominy Creek, the remnants of which are still visible from the Brevard Road bridge spanning the creek in West Asheville. The powerhouse plant, a small wood structure equipped with a 60-horsepower turbine and a 40-kilowatt generator, merited a two-fold distinction; it not only was the first hydroelectric plant in Western North Carolina but the first of its kind in the world to furnish power for a commercial street car.

This preceded by 13 years the area's first sizable hydroelectric development of W. T. Weaver, the forerunner of the Carolina Power & Light Company here. The power from the Hominy Creek dam furnished the first practical electric lights in Asheville after serving the Hotel Belmont.

Carrier also constructed in 1889 a high 250-foot steel bridge. It was the engineering marvel of his day, crossing the French Broad River at the junction with Swannanoa River, and became known as "Carrier's Bridge."

In 1890 construction began on the West Asheville and Sulphur Springs Electric Railway from Asheville to Sulphur Springs. It opened in August, 1891, and went from the vicinity of the Southern passenger station across Carrier's Bridge along the present Amboy Road, and up by Hominy Creek to Sulphur Springs and the Hotel Belmont.

Asheville's Board of Aldermen granted Carrier a franchise in October, 1891 to extend the line from the "depot" up into the city. The route went from Depot Street, Bartlett Street, and French Broad Ave. to the corner of West College and N. Main Street. It stopped though at Government Street, at what is now the corner of Haywood Street and Battery Park Place.

When plans for extension of the line were made, opposition was met by the Asheville Street Railway Company which had secured in 1888 the "Farinholt franchise" and opened in 1889 under the leadership of Dr. S. Westray Battle, E. D. Davidson and Col. James G. Martin. The local line would not permit the crossing of its tracks by Carrier's line.

But the Pennsylvania native was not to be denied. He solved the problem in a typical 19th century display of rugged individualism. One night, under cover of darkness, a picked crew of Carrier's men laid an extended track and completed the crossing. A car was then pushed across the new track and no longer was there a possibility of an injunction.

Aware that this section was predominantly agricultural, Carrier also was the section's first pioneer of modern dairying, cattle raising and orchard work. He introduced pure-bred Herefords and Jersey cattle from Lexington, Ky. to his West Asheville lands, and thus the dairy and cattle raising industries had their first WNC beginnings under a scientific method of farming.

In addition to these interests he was one of the first sponsors of the North Carolina highway system, and an adherent of good roads in WNC in an era when a passable road was a good road.

Carrier completed building a race track early in 1892 along the French Board River bottom for the entertainment of his Hotel Belmont guests. The training and racing of his horses was a favorite hobby. But the large tract of property also served as a Fair Grounds in addition to the popular sports of horse racing, baseball, bicycle races, trotting races, tournaments of the Field of the Cloth of Gold, etc. For more than a half-century, it was known as Carrier's Field.

A large crowd of 3,000 fans from Asheville, the Hotel Belmont, and other WNC communities used the street cars and carriages for the track's first major program on July 13, 1892. Later the French Broad Racing Assn. was formed with three-day meets of more than $1,000 in prizes drawing leading Southern thoroughbreds and stables to the half-mile track.

Crowds of up to 1,500 were in daily attendance for several years including many vacationists from the resort of Hot Springs. After they had taken the curative mineral waters from the spa there, the fashionable Easterners journeyed up the French Broad and then were taken by the horses.

Now an air strip, Owen Field occupies the stretch of level land that was this area's first sizeable sports field.

Two disasters—the loss of his hotel by fire and the loss of his orange groves in Florida from freeze—turned Carrier's interests to his first profession. He organized a lumber company in the cypress timber lands near Wilmington, which he gave to his sons.

Carrier spent much of the last 20 years of his life in Florida and Georgia as well as here. He died in Albany, Ga., in March, 1927, and was buried here in Riverside Cemetery. Among his many descendants today are two living sons, A. Heath Carrier of Asheville, and Ralph A. Carrier of Hickory Nut Gap.—**By Dick Kaplan.**

N.C. - Asheville - Eliada Home for children 7/31/66

Eliada Home --

'For Whom God Cares'

"For whom God cares."

This simple, four-word phrase has special meaning to the 85 youngsters of Eliada Home.

The four words are the Biblical meaning of the home's name, Eliada, A. D. Cameron, director, explained.

And, for folks in the Asheville area, the four words this week will take on new significance. The area which the home has served will be asked to care a little too.

Eliada needs help.

And milkmen making their rounds will start this help coming by leaving an envelope and brochure from Eliada Home at each customer's door.

This home for children from broken homes receives no regular income through denomination, fraternal group or United Appeal affiliation. When a child is placed at Eliada, neither the court nor the welfare department provide regular support.

The financial caring of these children is the responsibility of the Home, its directors and its friends. For years, Eliada has gone quietly about the hefty job of bringing up its youngsters, aged two to 16.

"Quitely" is an understatement. The home has been so publicity shy, Cameron concedes, that many believe a common misconception that that Eliada is an orphanage. Actually, only one of the youngsters now at the home has no living parents. Several others have only one parent living. 7-31-66

In no case is a child taken from the home for adoption.

It's time the community Eliada serves (primarily Buncombe, Haywood, Transylvania and Henderson Counties) should know a little more about the home, its directors have decided.

For instance it was founded 57 years ago by the late Rev. L. B. Compton. Located within the new city limits of Asheville, it occupies 387 green and rolling acres off the Leicester Highway. Cameron directs a staff of 25 persons.

"We stress a four-fold education — spiritual, intellectual, physical and social—for these homeless children," Cameron said. "And through creation of a Christ-centered and child-centered atmosphere at the Home, we are aiding them to take their places in community life as useful, active and respectable citizens."

The school program consists of two years of pre-school training (kindergarten) and instruction from the first through the eighth grades. High school age youngsters attend either city or county schools.

There are four teachers for the eight grades and one for the kindergarten with the Buncombe County Schools supplying two teachers, supervising the school and supplying the books. All equipment is provided and maintained by the home.

"This gives us a standardized school with the individualized program of a private school and allows us a teacher-pupil ratio of one to 16, which is in itself sufficient reason for having our own school," Cameron said.

In addition to the school, the home conducts a 4-H program, vocational program which features welding, electrical, carpentry and handicraft shops, operation of three poultry houses with 8,000 broilers and a dairy farm where over 100 head of Guernsey cattle are kept. These latter two operations aid in supplying some of the food needs of the home.

However, it takes an additional $6,000 monthly to pay staff salaries and expenses. Currently, Eliada owes local merchants approximately $12,-

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000 which must be paid off immediately if the home is to maintain its standing in the community. The board believes Eliada can balance expenses for the remainder of the year if this current indebtedness is cleared.

With a reluctance for asking help typical of Eliada through the years, Cameron said: "We don't want to be a burden to the community."

He pointed out that the present "milk bottle" program has a two-fold purpose. Besides needing a little financial help, Eliada sincerely wants the people of the area it serves to know how it serves them. Its directors and staff have a quiet pride in the job they're doing.

It's not al' work and no play at the home. There's plenty of time for sports and recreation and with the completion of the Gay Green Recreation Building, enlarged ball field and new lake—the children will have a full outdoor and indoor program including athletics, games, swimming, fishing and parties.

The Home conducts its own non-denominational church services which all attend in the new Black Memorial Chapel.

Perhaps Eliada's stress on religion is best typified by a comment from one of the home's brochures:

"Faith in God and prayer are the dynamic forces at Eliada."

West Asheville Branch Y Will Begin Fall Program

The West Asheville Branch YMCA will begin its fall program for boys Monday Executive Secretary George Moxley announced Friday.

The major portion of the program will be centered around elementary school Gra-Y and Y-Guy clubs at schools in the West Asheville area. These clubs are elementary school club programs for boys in the third and fourth grades (Y-Guy) and fifth and sixth grades (Gra-Y) sponsored by the YMCA in cooperation with the local school system.

Members participate in most of the seasonal sports, in organized leagues, devotionals, trips, outings, World Service projects, recreational and club activities. Each club elects its own officers and hold meetings and conducts activities one or two times per week after school. During football season, regular scheduled games will be played on Vance Field Saturday mornings.

Two Junior Hi-Y clubs are being organized at Hall Fletcher Junior High School. These clubs will also elect their own officers and plan recreational and athletic activities throughout the year.

Other programs planned by the West Asheville Branch YMCA during the fall are beginners swim classes, junior, senior, and adult basketball, and a father-son program for boys in the first and second grades of school.

The meeting schedule for the Y-Guy, Gra-Y and Hi-Y Clubs is as follows:

Aycock: third Grade Y-Guy and fourth grade Y-Guy, Wednesdays; fifth and sixth grade Gra-Y, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Vance: third Grade Y-Guy and fourth grade Y-Guy, Tuesdays; fifth and sixth grades Gra-Y, Mondays and Wednesdays.

Eugene Rankin: fifth and sixth grade Gra-Y, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Emma: fifth and sixth grade Gra-Y, Mondays and Wednesdays.

Leicester: fifth and sixth grade Gra-Y, Mondays and Wednesdays.

Sand Hill: fifth and sixth grade Gra-Y, Mondays and Wednesdays.

Hall Fletcher Jr. Hi-Y: Wednesdays.

Asheville Citizen September 10, 1960

BENEFIT CARD PARTY TO BE SPONSORED BY LEGION AUXILIARY

A benefit bridge and canasta party has been planned by the West Asheville American Legion Auxiliary, No. 335, Thursday, November 10, 7:45 p. m. at the George Vanderbilt Hotel.

Proceeds will be used to purchase furnishings for the new Legion home now under construction on Haywood Rd., in West Asheville. This building is on the site of the old Legion home which was destroyed by fire.

A special feature will be Mr. Dave Lyons as master of ceremonies. Mr. Lyons is an active member of the Asheville Community Theatre and Barber Shop Quartet Singers.

Reservations for the party may be made by phoning Mrs. C. B. Joyner at ALpine 3-6044. Tickets also will be sold at the door Thursday night.

Asheville Citizen November 10, 1960

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Eliada Home Seeks Help From State

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Raleigh Bureau

RALEIGH — The Buncombe delegation to the General Assembly has been asked to help Eliada Home get a $25,000 grant-in-aid from the state.

The private home for children has never received any money from the state in the past.

In its request, Eliada noted that it is one of 10 homes out of 32 operating as child care institutions in North Carolina that is licensed by the state.

Meeting higher state licensing standards and increased costs have created deficits for the past three years—$18,158 in 1958, $9,000 in 1959 and $7,205 in 1960.

In addition, it had to transfer varying sums from capital to operating funds. The operating budget requiring added help of some $22,000 in 1958, about $30,000 in 1959 and approximately $25,000 in 1960.

Six similar institutions already receive state grants, varying from $11,000 annually to about $86,000 per year.

Eliada pointed out that for the year ending Sept. 30, 1960, it cared for 107 children from seven counties at a cost per day of $2.64. The state estimated average is $3.

Children at Eliada come from Buncombe, Caldwell, Haywood, Jackson, McDowell, Robeson and Swain counties.

To meet the request, legislators would have to introduce a measure appropriating funds for the home. Some members of the Buncombe delegation said they were studying it, but had not reached any conclusions as yet.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

IN THE GENERAL COUNTY COURT

153-1
CITY OF ASHEVILLE, a Municipal Corporation, and STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, on the relation of D. S. COLTRANE, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Plaintiffs

-vs-

MARTIN A. RYERSON and THE HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, AND LIVING ISSUE OF MARTIN A. RYERSON and ALL OTHER PERSONS WHOSE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN TO THE PLAINTIFFS AND WHO HAVE OR MAY CLAIM TO HAVE ANY INTEREST OR ESTATE IN THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH THREE OF THE COMPLAINT FILED IN THIS ACTION

Defendants.

JUDGMENT

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GENERAL COUNTY COURT
BUNCOMBE COUNTY

This cause coming on to be heard before the Honorable Burgin Pennell, Judge of the General County Court of Buncombe County, North Carolina, without a jury, at the regular August, 1961 term and after hearing evidence, the Court makes the following findings of fact:

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That this action was commenced on the 13th day of April, 1961, by the issuance of a summons to the defendants, MARTIN A. RYERSON and THE HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, AND LIVING ISSUE OF MARTIN A. RYERSON and ALL OTHER PERSONS WHOSE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN TO THE PLAINTIFFS AND WHO HAVE OR MAY CLAIM TO HAVE ANY INTEREST OR ESTATE IN THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH THREE OF THE COMPLAINT FILED IN THIS ACTION, and that personal service after due

Ryerson Tract (Rhododendron Park)

diligence could not be had upon said defendants within the State of North Carolina; and that service by publication was had upon said defendants by notice published in the ASHEVILLE TIMES on the 15th, 22nd and 29th days of April and the 6th day of May, 1961; and that a copy of all pleadings filed were mailed to the defendants by Clerk of Superior Court for Buncombe County, North Carolina, as by law required.

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That William C. Moore was appointed Guardian Ad litem for the HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES, and LEGATEES AND LIVING ISSUE OF MARTIN A. RYERSON, who are under disability; and that Richard B. Stone was appointed Guardian Ad litem for all other persons whose names are unknown to the plaintiffs and who have or may claim to have any interest or estate in the lands described in paragraph three of the Complaint of this action; and that both said Guardians filed a verified Answer in this cause.

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That the City of Asheville, a Municipal Corporation, acquired title to that certain land hereinafter described by Deed duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Buncombe County, North Carolina in Deed Book 305 at Page 316, by Deed from J. C. Penland and wife, Bertha Penland, dated April 10, 1924 and recorded in said Register's Office on the 6th day of June, 1925, which tract is described as follows:

> BEGINNING on a stake about fifteen (15) poles East of a white oak in the line of the land known as the "Bungalow Tract" and runs South 2½° West twenty-four and one quarter (24¼) poles to a locust; thence South 16½° East four (4) poles to a stake on the side of the road; thence South 85° East, fourteen (14) poles to a stake on the Brevard road; thence South 17° East twenty-eight (28) poles to a locust stake on Hominy Creek; thence down said creek with its meanders to the French Broad River; thence down said river with its

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meanders about one hundred ninety-seven (197) poles to a stake, Martin L. Stevens' (formerly W. D. Houghteling's) corner; thence with said Stevens line, North 46° West twenty-seven and sixty-three hundredths (27.63) poles to a stone in the margin of the drive or roadway leading from the Brevard Road into the property herein conveyed; thence still with the said Stevens line and with said drive or roadway, North 14° 57' West, five and twenty-five hundredths (5.25) poles to a stake; thence still with said drive or roadway and said Stevens line, North 30° 10' East four and eight tenths (4.8) poles to a stake; thence still with said drive or roadway and said Stevens line, North 9° 48' East five and nine tenths (5.9) poles to a stake; thence with the center of said drive or roadway and said Stevens line, North 15° 30' West, twenty-four and twenty-one hundredths (24.21) poles to a stake in the margin of the Brevard Road ten(10) feet North 85° West of a white oak standing in the gap of the ridge; thence North 85° West about sixty-seven (67) poles to the BEGINNING, containing ninety (90) acres more or less. And being the same land and premises conveyed to Martin A. A. Ryerson, by J. E. Rankin, Trustee, by deed dated September 3, 1895, and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Buncombe County in Book No. 94 of Deeds, at pages 229 et seq., to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description. Together with all and singular the hereditaments, privileges and appirtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

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That the said City of Asheville, a Municipal Corporation, in June of 1925, immediately entered into possession of said real estate, materially improved the same and have occupied the same since June, 1925, continuously, openly, notoriously, adversely and hostilely, and extensively and under visible and known lines without interruption in their possession and have held the same continuously for more than 36 years, against the claims of all persons, firms, corporations and governmental agencies; that during said possession the said City of Asheville has planted grass, shrubs, trees, flowers and kept said premises in an orderly and sightly condition and have used the same as a public park for the general public in the City of Asheville.

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That, at the time the said City of Asheville acquired said property as hereinabove set forth, there was on record in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Buncombe County, North Carolina a deed of trust dated March 19, 1924, and recorded in Deed of Trust Book 174 at Page 56 to Central Bank and Trust Company, Trustee for Martin A. Ryerson, which said Deed of Trust secured a note in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.00), payable in four equal annual installments of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) each; and that said Deed of Trust has not been marked paid or canceled, but that the same has been fully paid and satisfied and through neglect was not canceled of record and that no claim has been made upon the City of Asheville for the payment of the same for the entire 36 years at which they have possessed the same as hereinabove described and that no person, firm or corporation has come forward during these 36 years to make any claim on said property, demand payment of any of the said notes or claim any interest or title in said property whatsoever.

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That the City of Asheville, a Municipal Corporation, by Deed dated 25th August, 1960 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Buncombe County, North Carolina, on the 26th day of August, 1960, conveyed a portion of said property to the State of North Carolina, one of the plaintiffs herein, by good and sufficient deed.

Upon the foregoing findings of fact, the Court makes the following conclusions of law:

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That the Court has jurisdiction of all of the parties

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and of the subject matter of this action.

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That the deed to the City of Asheville, recorded in Deed Book 305 at Page 316 conveyed a good and sufficient fee simple title to the City of Asheville, subject to the notes secured by the mortgage recorded in Deed Book 174 at Page 56.

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That the plaintiffs have held said property for more than 36 years, continuously, openly, notoriously, adversely, hostilely and extensively under visible lines and boundaries without any interruption in their possession, and hold a fee simple title to said property against the claims of all persons, firms or corporations, and that the defendants have no interest in said property for the reasons that they have been paid in full for the notes secured by the Deed of Trust hereinabove referred to and that they are barred forever from recovery thereunder.

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That the claims of the defendants or any of them of said Deed of Trust securing said notes as hereinabove set out constitute a cloud upon the plaintiff's title which the plaintiffs are entitled to have removed.

Upon the foregoing findings of fact, and conclusions of law, the Court makes the following Judgment:

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That the plaintiffs be and they are hereby adjudged the owners and entitled to immediate possession of that certain tract of land located in the City of Asheville, County of Buncombe, State of North Carolina and more particularly described as:

BEGINNING on a stake about fifteen (15) poles
East of a white oak in the line of the land

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known as the "Bungalow Tract" and runs South 2½° West twenty-four and one quarter (24¼) poles to a locust; thence South 16½° East four (4) poles to a stake on the side of the road; thence South 85° East, fourteen (14) poles to a stake on the Brevard road; thence South 17° East twenty-eight (28) poles to a locust stake on Hominy Creek; thence down said creek with its meanders to the French Broad River; thence down said river with its meanders about one hundred ninety-seven (197) poles to a stake, Martin L. Stevens' (formerly W. D. Houghtelings') corner; thence with said Stevens line, North 46° West twenty-seven and sixty-three hundredths (27.63) poles to a stone in the margin of the drive or roadway leading from the Brevard Road into the property herein conveyed; thence still with the said Stevens line and with said drive or roadway North 14° 57' West, five and twenty-five hundredths (5.25) poles to a stake; thence still with said drive or roadway and said Stevens line, North 30° 10' East four and eight tenths (4.8) poles to a stake; thence still with said drive or roadway and said Stevens line, North 9° 48' East five and nine tentsh (5.9) poles to a stake; thence with the center of said drive or roadway and said Stevens line, North 15° 30' West, twenty-four and twenty-one hundredths (24.21) poles to a stake in the margin of the Brevard Road ten(10) feet North 85° West of a white oak standing in the gap of the ridge; thence North 85° West about sixty-seven (67) poles to the BEGINNING, containing ninety (90) acres more or less. And being the same land and premises conveyed to Martin A. A. Ryerson, by J. E. Rankin, Trustee, by deed dated September 3, 1895, and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Buncombe County in Book No. 94 of Deeds, at pages 229 et seq., to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description. Together with all and singular the hereditaments, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

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That any and all claims of the defendants and any and all persons whomsoever claiming them and any and all persons who have a claim or interest in the foregoing property adversely to the plaintiffs, be they are hereby barred and declared null and void.

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That this Judgment be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Buncombe County, North Carolina.

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That Richard B. Stone and William G. Moore, Guardians Ad litem, be and they are hereby awarded $50.00 each, as commission for their services rendered herein, which said fees are to be taxed as a part of the costs.

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That the plaintiff pay the costs of this action to be taxed by the Court this 14th day of August, 1961.

Judge of the General County Court
for Buncombe County, North Carolina

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

I, Zebulon Weaver, Jr., Clerk Superior Court, ex officio Clerk General County Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing is the original Judgment in the case of City of Asheville vs. Martin A. Ryerson, et al, as the same appears on file in my office and as recorded in Minute Docket A-14, on Page 152 in my said office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this the 7th day of September, 1961.

ZEBULON WEAVER, JR., CLERK SUPERIOR COURT, EX OFFICIO CLERK GENERAL COUNTY COURT

BY: Deputy Clerk

Registered Sept 7, 1961 at 1:03 pm
Geo A. Duggins Jr by Marie L Parham Dep.
Register of Deeds

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John Ehle Remembers Asheville

THE NEWS AND OBSERVER, RALEIGH, N. C
Sunday Morning, September 24, 1961

By CHARLES CRAVEN.

LION ON THE HEARTH. By John Ehle. Harper and Brothers, New York. $4.95.

Asheville has inspired, or maybe provoked, a considerable body of literature about itself. And John Ehle's new book is not the first and probably will not be the last.

The book has in it a family of the raw mountainsides, where living was traditionally hard, where people were taciturn, religious and suspicious and where young men like Kin Collins, its central character, have brooded by the hearth.

In Asheville's Mold.

The almost natural thing to do upon reading "Lion on the Hearth" is to compare it with the works of Thomas Wolfe, also an Asheville writer.

But such comparisons seem an injustice to Mr. Ehle He is his own man. He has written his own story. To be sure there are parallels with Wolfe. That is, Ehle writes of the same clay, the same landscapes. And the people are something of the people of an Asheville that perhaps cannot really be seen—or sensed—unless the reader has lived in that "mountain metropolis." Perhaps towns are made by the cast of their people. Or perhaps people are molded by the towns they live in.

John Ehle sat down to deliberately write a story involving Asheville and Asheville people. Wolfe did the same thing. Only in this way is the work of the two writers similar.

Ehle is a young writer, just coming to his middle thirties. That's one of the features that makes him exciting. He's like a new fighter with a good knockout record but not yet really tested.

A Family From Life.

The author has woven in this book the trials, tribulations, avarices, and hates of the family known as King. There was Lottie, the mother, who bore her fifth son in middle age, and Kin, Paul, Matthew and Collins. Johnny was the fifth. His mother wanted him to be a preacher. There was Beth, the gentle, lovely niece of Caleb. Adored by Kin and loved by Collins.

Paul had the family store—its sustenance—in his fist. Matthew drank and sported with women. Kin brooded and went to school. Beth married a Roman Catholic."

Collins King had been the traveler and adventurer in the family. Now at 39 he is about to take his last journey. His young brother, Kin, and his father, Caleb, have come from Asheville to his hospital bed in Raleigh to take him home.

They have made a somber train trip across the dreary landscape of the Piedmont to reach him. They face a somber return trip with a wasted body clinging only faintly to life.

Like Ghosts From Time.

The time is the time of the depression of 1929 and the '30s. The Asheville landscape moves through the pages like the familiar ghost of a town: "Shortly after ten o'clock, Kin took the streetcar at the Square and rode down Patton Avenue past the fancy stores where the nicely dressed women and the suit-clothed men shopped and worked. The wheels rolling on the track seemed to say, 'Collins, Collins.' And he thought, Collins with the soul of gold, coming home. Coming home. Coming home.

John Ehle

A Lore of Lyricism

"The streetcar turned left at the foot of Patton Avenue and slid and scraped its way down the steep hill to the river."

There is a certain lyricism in the book—in the sentences and in the story. And for the Asheville native, there is this intangible kind of fascination. The city of Asheville and its people haven't seemed to be stamped any more indelibly than other towns in the State with the kind of lore that makes literature. Yet the town and its people have become the subjects of the very sensitive and lyrical writing—John Ehle's being among this writing.

The book turns pages of gayety, humor, pain and the depression.

There could be criticism of Caleb's altruistic outlook toward the depressed mountainside farmer in the depression. Perhaps this quality seems unlikely.

He was willing to sacrifice profits, to bring his holdings to the brink of disaster by helping these forlorn mountain men who straggled to his store to trade their pitiful green apples (hidden in the basket by a layer of ripe ones).

Pleasure Creeps In, Too.

Paul was the more believable: "They come creepin' in here from the valleys, begging leniency . . . Well, what produce company is giving us lenience. They won't even pay their bills, those that already ain't declared they're bankrupt. Where we going to sell all these God-damn hams you're buying. I never seen so many hams. We're—deep in hams in this store. . ."

You read this book with pleasure and anticipation of more to come.

John Ehle, a native of Asheville, is a teacher of script writing for TV, radio and motion prictures at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Mr. Craven, columnist and reporter, grew up in Asheville in the years recalled in John Ehle's story.

Drive-In Church Attracts 8,000 In First Season

The Asheville Drive-In Church completed its first season Sunday after 16 services which were attended by an estimated 8,000 persons.

The church was held in the parking lot of Westgate Shopping Center for tourists, shutins and others who otherwise might not have attended a regular service.

The nondenominational church was founded and conducted by the Rev. Robert E. Harris, Asheville minister who also appears on his own religious television shows.

Mr. Harris held the first service Sunday, July 16. During the ensuing three-and-a-half months, he was assisted by more than 77 individuals and representatives of local churches, civic groups, schools and political parties.

Neither underwritten by a group nor supported by a collection, the church remained "an endeavor of faith," according to Mr. Harris. He is already planning the spring reopening.

Asheville Citizen October 30, 1961

—Citizen Photo—Shipman

WOMAN OF THE WEEK

The secret of getting things done is organization of projects, according to Mrs. William P. McLean of 14 Stewart St. She should be able to pass this on from experience.

After meeting Mr. McLean while he was serving in the U. S. Army, the former Miss Joyce Cox of Corpus Christi, Tex., came to Asheville as a bride in 1945. Since that time she has made a very definite place for herself in the community. She terms herself a handyman and chauffeur.

Her friends say she is one individual who turns off more work than half a dozen would attempt. At the West Asheville Presbyterian Church where she and her husband are active members, she has been known to take down the Venetian blinds, take them home, wash them and replace them in no time at all. Addressing 600 envelopes for the church office is an overnight job. She sees a job needing to be done and is at it before anyone else thinks of doing it.

Presently serving her second year as president of Eugene Rankin PTA and third year as head of the Women of the Church she spends one day a month as a clerical helper at the Well-Baby Clinic. (She is a former secretary.)

In spite of all the community service crowded into her life, Mrs. McLean says the welfare of her family comes first. She and Mr. McLean, a letter carrier, so arrange their schedules that one parent is at home with their sons, Billy, who will be nine years old Jan. 1, and Benny, nearly seven. They enjoy working together on projects. Last summer they completed a guest room in the attic of the house and then built a patio. At present they are helping the boys with their Christmas microscopes and telescopes.

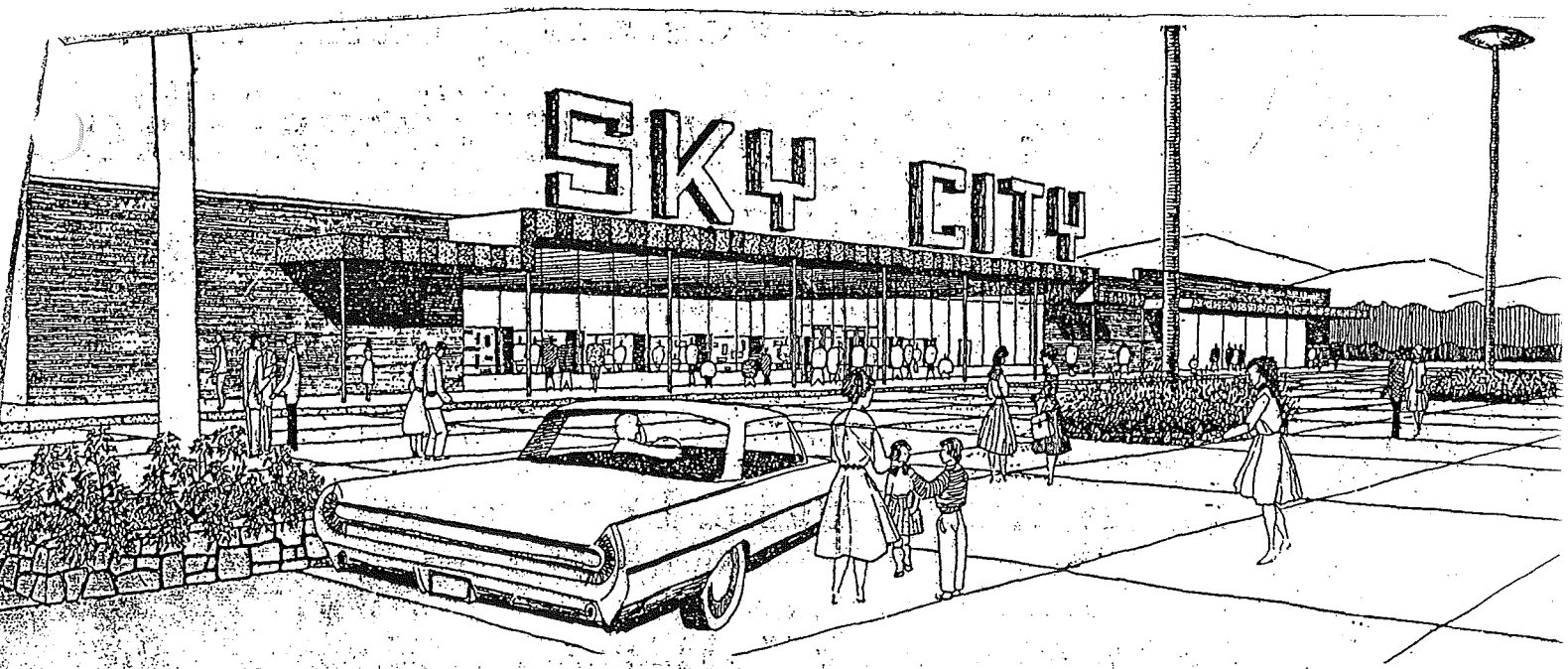
Mrs. McLean finds time to grow African violets from leaf cuttings, make her own and some of the boys' clothes and bake Christmas cookies for all of the teachers at the school.

Her sense of humor is another asset. Recently she was to participate in a program at a PTA meeting and arranged her notes carefully on the rostrum. When the time came for her speech she found the speaker preceding her had picked up her notes with his own. She laughed and asked for her notes back.

Asheville Citizen
January 1962

—Citizen-Times Photo—Glenn

SIGNING THE LEASE for Sky City, a discount self-service department store to be built on Patton Avenue, were Myron C. Peterson, representing the American Jobbing Co., lessees, left; S. M. Patton, vice president of Town and Country Shopping Center, the lessors, center, while Architect J. Bertram King looked on.



AN AUGUST OPENING is expected for Sky City, a discount self-service department store to be located in the 1000 block of Patton Avenue. Architect J. Bertram King's sketch shows how the 40,00 square-foot, air conditioned structure will appear upon completio

Asheville Citizen February 25, 1962

Asheville - Schools - Vance elementary school 2/7/1962

Proposed Vance School Annex Discussed By City School Board

By BRUCE GOURLAY
Citizen Staff Writer

A proposed annex to adjoin Vance School in West Asheville, costing in the neighborhood of $150,000, was outlined at a meeting of the Asheville City School Board Tuesday in City Hall.

The project, which superintendent of city schools W. P. Griffin said "should be started as soon as possible," would include 12,068 square feet of floor space.

Though designated "top-priority," the building is currently in the planning stages.

The proposed structure would include a cafeteria and complete kitchen facilities on a level, which because of the terrain, would be below the existing building. A library would be housed on the same level as the present building.

Both the cafeteria and library are planned to be 40 by 64 feet. The cafeteria will seat 256 persons.

Above the library would be two stories, consisting of teachers' lounges, fire towers and lobbies. All levels contain extensive rest room facilities and the project includes renovation of rest rooms in the present building.

An enclosed stairway is another feature of the annex.

It was brought out that the structure would provide an additional four classrooms at the school. The present cafeteria would be converted into two classrooms. One classroom would be brought forth by renovation of the library and the other from a room presently used for book storage.

Unofficial architect's sketches were presented by Jack Baber of Gudger, Baber and Wood, an Asheville architectural firm which was employed by the board Tuesday as architects for the project.

The board approved submitting the sketches to the State Division of School Planning in Raleigh. Before construction bids are asked, official approval must be given by both the state unit and City School Board.

Funds for the annex, which is designed for complete use even after the present Vance School might be abandoned in years to come, would come from the school system's capital reserve fund, subject to approval by the Citizens Committee for Better Schools.

Estimated city school enrollment for the 1962-63 school year was made available at the meeting by O. L. Norment, assistant superintendent of city schools.

The board in its January meeting had requested Norment to project the figures in order to ascertain the approximate number of out-of-district students that can be accommodated in 1962-63.

The summary notes that 10,040 students, an increase of 211 over the current school year, will attend city schools next year. An additional 100 white and 111 Negro pupils are anticipated to enroll.

Principal increases are expected at Lee H. Edwards High School which will raise its enrollment from 1,360 to 1,500; Lucy S. Herring, 385 to 460; Stephens-Lee High School, 680 to 725; and Ira B. Jones, 790 to 825.

City schools expected to lose the most students are Hall Fletcher, 845 to 780; Aycock, 575 to 560; and David Millard, 935 to 920.

This year, Norment noted, 527 tuition students are attending city schools.

In other business, the board:

1. Formally approved a contract to H. B. Radford of Asheville, who was low bidder for the razing of the old Mountain Street Elementary School.

Radford will pay city schools $400 to raze the building. A total of three bids were received at the close of bidding Jan. 15. Work on the project is currently under way.

2. Discussed possible exceptions in relation to a schedule of fees for use of city school buildings by outside groups. The schedule of fees was adopted at the board's January meeting.

The discussion centered around precinct meetings, which have been held for years in city schools for rental fees under the $10 minimum set last month.

The board deferred final action, but expressed the opinion that no exceptions be made.

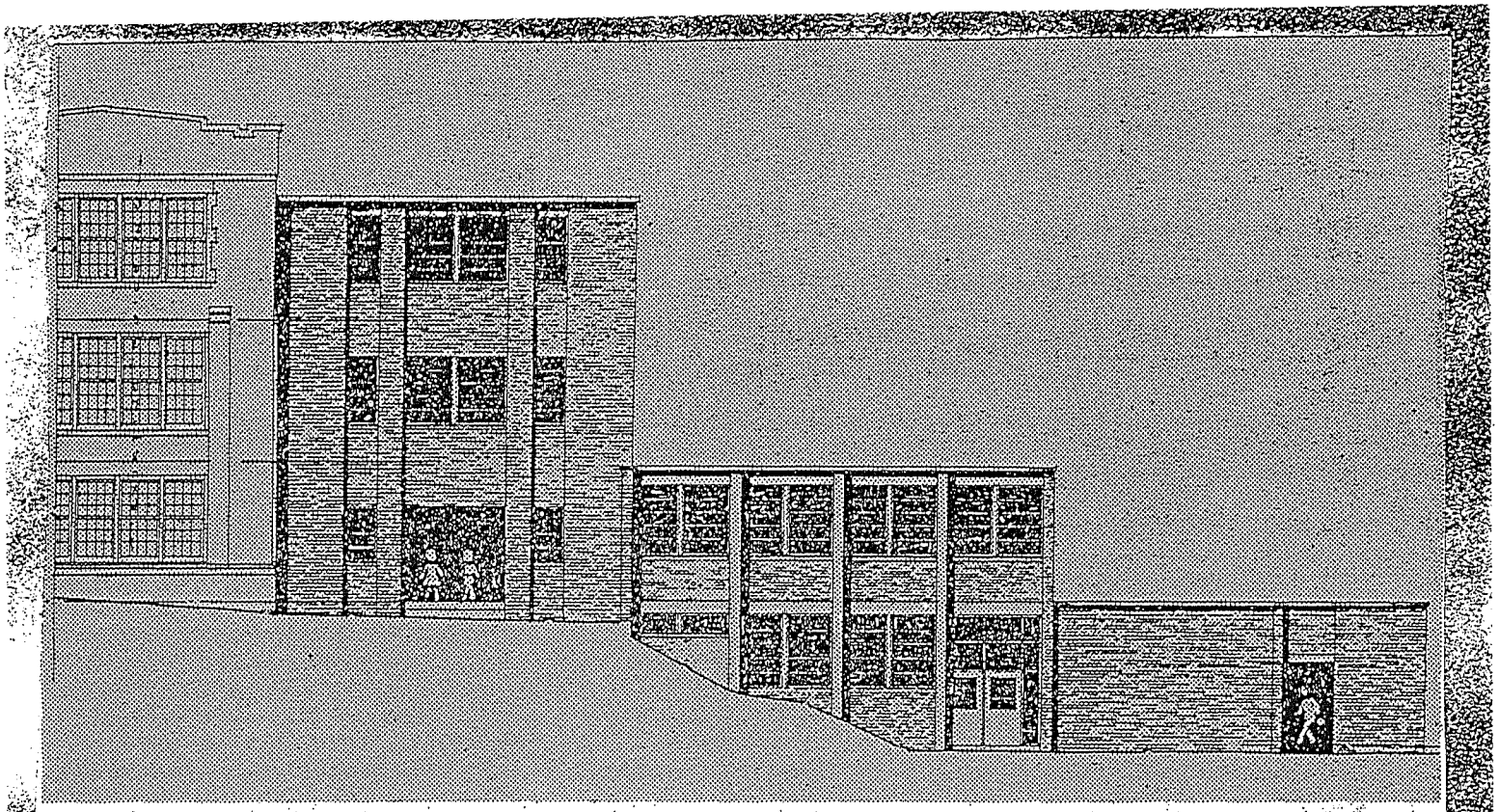
3. Authorized Griffin and Norment to attend the American Assn. of School Administrators meeting, to be held Feb. 17-21 in Atlantic City, N. J.

4. Approved admission of 86 new students to city schools and reassignment of 13 pupils.

5. Accepted the resignation of Pearce Weaver, seventh grade teacher at Ira B. Jones School.

6. Approved appointment of Blanche Joy MacFadyen to replace Weaver, and Mrs. Cynthia H. Gladden as chemistry teacher at Lee H. Edwards.

Mrs. Don R. Printz, chairman, presided. All board members were present except Traynham Houston.



—Gudger, Baber and Wood Sketch

ARCHITECT'S PLAN of a proposed annex adjoining Vance School in West Asheville met with preliminary approval at a Tuesday meeting of the Asheville City School Board. Though now in the primary stages, the structure is slated for rapid consideration. It would house a library and cafeteria with kitchen in addition to adequate rest room facilities. It would include 12,068 square feet of floor space and cost approximately $150,000.

Asheville Citizen-Times Feb 7, 1962

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES, Asheville, N. C.
Sunday, February 25, 1962

Discount Store Will Open Here

Sky City, a discount self-service department store, will become the newest addition to Asheville's mercantile family with its opening in August.

Announcement of the store, which will entail an $800,000 overall investment for building, land, fixtures and merchandise, was made Saturday.

The store will be located on Patton Avenue next to the A&P store at 1069 Patton Avenue and will extend 250 feet to the west.

The American Jobbing Co., operators of the Asheville Army Store and the Bower's stores in North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Kentucky, are the lessees, having signed a 20-year agreement with Town & Country Shopping Center, of which Harry D. Blomberg is president. Myron C. Peterson of Asheville and Ben A. Bower of Knoxville are the principal stockholders of American Jobbing.

Peterson, manager of the Asheville Army Store, said Sky City will carry men's women's and children's wearing apparel, shoes for the entire family, housewares and household goods, small appliances, millinery and bags, hardware, toys, sporting goods, jewelry and cameras. A complete drug department and a snack bar will also be included.

The one-story structure, of masonary and steel construction, will have 40,000 square feet with an option for an additional 12,000-square-foot expansion. Architect for the air conditioned structure is J. Bertram King. Construction is to begin immediately.

"The concept of the self service store is to sell merchandise on a low markup enabled by volume, self service and parking facilities offered to the customers," Peterson said.

The reduced overhead will allow families to save considerable amounts each year for personal and household needs, he said.

"The companies with which Sky City is affiliated bring about a vast buying power, enabling them to purchase merchandise at bigger discount prices in the market and pass these discounts on to the customer," he said. "Discount prices will prevail every shopping day, rather than on special sales days only. Sky City will sell only first quality merchandise.

Design will be for easy shopping with seven check stands each operated by two employes. Wide aisles will easily accommodate shopping carts, he said.

Asheville Citizen February 25, 1962

Sky City Discount Center

Asheville Citizen August 15 1962

To Open Doors Wednesday

Sky City Discount Center, the latest in self-service shopping and newest member of Asheville's mercantile family, opens its doors to the public at 10 a. m. Wednesday.

The mammoth, 40,000 square feet store will encompass some 30 departments ranging from women's ready to wear to shoes for the family, from accessories to small appliances.

The $750,000 structure, located in the 800 block of Patton Avenue west of the Smoky Park Highway Bridge, will offer free parking facilities for 400 cars and will have shopping hours from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Charles E. Longmire, an employe of Sky City-affiliate Bower's Stores Inc., for the past 20 years, has come here from Toccoa, Ga., to be operational manager.

Robert B. Peterson, also a Bower's employe, has left his general manager post at Kalin's Department Store in Hendersonville, to be Sky City's merchandise manager.

Sky City's home, designed by architect J. Bertram King, will be a one-story structure of masonry and steel construction and will be fully air conditioned.

"The concept of the self-service store is to sell merchandise on a low markup enabled by volume, self service and parking facilities offered to customers," Myron C. Peterson, a principal stockholder and manager of Asheville's Army Store, said.

He said the reduced overhead will allow families to save considerable amounts each year for personal and household needs. Sky City is designed for easy shopping and purchasing with seven check-out stands operated by two employes each. Wide aisles will easily accomodate shopping carts he said.

The center's 30 departments include:

Women's fashion ready to wear, women's sportswear, lingerie, millinery and bags, accessories, maternities, infants and toddlers, girls' wear, men's wear, sportswear and furnishings and a complete boys' department.

Also shoes for the family, domestics, piece goods, home furnishings, notions, drapery and upholstery, health and beauty aids, greeting cards and stationery.

Giftwares, hardware, paint, tools, auto accessories, toys, lighting fixtures, small appliances, a record shop, a camera and photo supply center and a luncheonette.

Among the key personnel at Sky City will be Mrs. Mildred Merrill, manager of children's wear; Charles Kent, hardware department manager; Carroll Henry, assistant manager in hardware; B. K. Harrison, shoe department manager; J. W. Thomas, managerial coordinator and specialty adviser; Mrs. Lucille Harding, yard goods department manager; Mrs. Ethel Wallen, women's ready to wear manager; E. C. McKay, camera department manager; Joe Revis, men's and boys' section manager, and Mrs. Ella Garland, cosmetic department manager.

Store officials cited Sky City's affiliation with other companies as adding vast buying power, enabling Sky City to purchase merchandise at bigger discount prices, and pass these discounts on to customers.

Asheville citizen August 15, 1962

Asheville Citizen August 16, 1962

—Citizen Photo

TRADITIONAL ceremonies Wednesday morning marked the grand opening of Asheville's first discount house, Sky City, Inc. On hand at the ceremonies were (L-R): C. E. Longmire, operational manager; Philip Woollcott of the Bank of Asheville; Mayor Earl W. Eller, who cut the ribbon (his second of the day—having also opened a new First Union National Bank office); and Myron Peterson, president of Sky City, Inc. About 25,000 persons went through the store during the grand opening day from 9:30 a.m. until 10 p.m., Peterson said. The parking lot and store were filled and traffic was backed up on Patton Avenue in both directions for considerable distances all day long, Peterson said, except for a short lull in the early evening hours.

Asheville Citizen August 16, 1962

The Asheville (N. C.) Times, Monday, Sept. 10, 1962

Two Church Buildings Are Dedicated

Dedication services were held yesterday for new educational buildings in two city churches.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held following a service in Grace Baptist Church. The Rev. Nane Starnes, president of the North Carolina State Baptist Convention, cut the ribbon and led the way into the new building. After a tour of the building an informal reception was held in the new Fellowship Hall.

The Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, officiated at a dedication service for the new educational building at Trinity Episcopal Church. The first part of the service was held in the church and the concluding portion in the new building. A reception followed.

Haywood Rd. ABC Store Will Close

Asst. Clip. 11-14-62

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board's West Asheville store at 497 Haywood Rd. will be closed when the board opens a new retail outlet at 905 Patton Ave., it was announced Tuesday by Walter I. Abernethy, ABC board chairman.

The new store, as announced several months ago, will be located in the Town and Country Shopping Center on Patton Avenue. The building to be leased by the ABC board is now under construction. Abernethy said the move to the new quarters is expected to be made about the first of the year.

"The present store has long been inadequate," Abernethy said, "and we have been looking for a suitable new location for more than two years."

He said traffic and lack of parking facilities have presented serious problems at the present location. State ABC board representatives have made two trips to Asheville to assist in a site survey, Abernethy said, and the new location has their full approval.

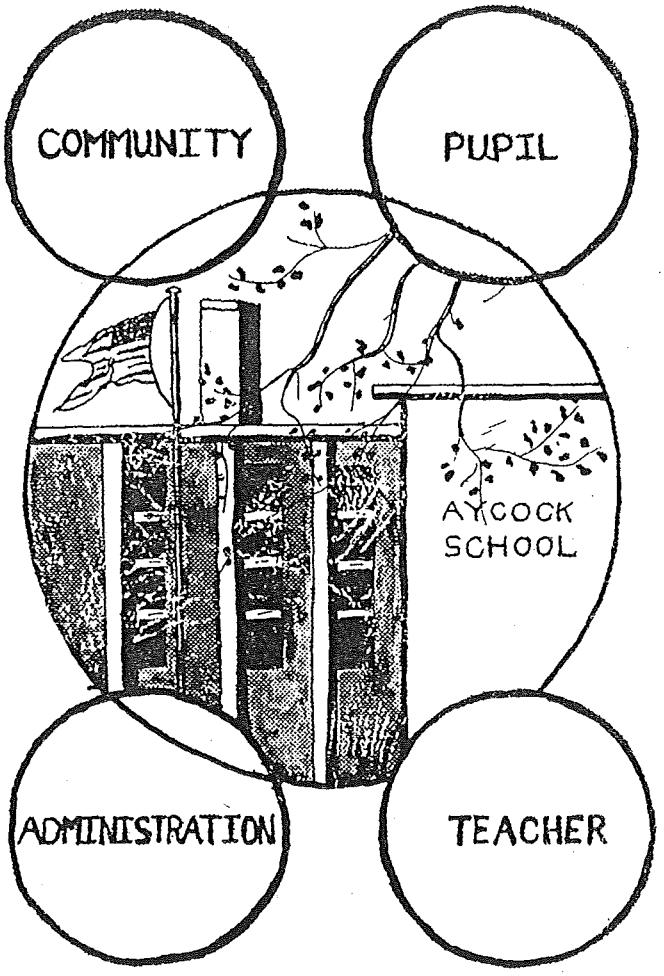
A number of petitions asking that the present Haywood Road store be kept open reportedly have been circulated in the West Asheville business district. Abernethy said none of the petitions have yet been presented to the ABC board, but a number of individuals have spoken to board members in favor of retaining the present store.

Asheville Citizen November 14, 1962

SELF-STUDY REPORT

AYCOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Asheville City Schools
Asheville, North Carolina
March, 1963



In Cooperation with
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I. SETTING

Aycock, the first school to be built in West Asheville, is located in the central part of the old section of town. The four acre site is in a semi-business district, flanked on the south by Haywood Road and on the west by Hanover Street, two thoroughfares.

The modern brick structure, completed in 1953, is the fourth building erected on the site. Facilities consist of twenty-four classrooms, a library, a large recreation room, an auditorium with five hundred twelve seating capacity, a modern cafeteria with adequate seating, a teachers' lounge, a principal and secretary's office, a first aid room, storage rooms, adequate restroom facilities, and drinking fountains.

The school has approximately six hundred children in grades one through six and two Special Classes, representing some four hundred homes. Parent-teacher cooperation is excellent with parents participating in many school activities. The Parent-Teacher Association has been a standard association continuously since 1951. Children come from average to below average income homes, but they are well behaved and quite happy in the school environment. Parents, teachers, the health department, and the Parent-Teacher Association work cooperatively to provide clothing, medical aid, and cafeteria lunches for the increasing number of indigent children.

A school-wide survey made in the spring of 1962 indicated:

Access to encyclopedias at home	414
Established homework time	248
Walk to school	352
Mothers working outside the home	183
Own homes	297
Rent either houses or apartments	110

The school community is gradually becoming one of transient families but many of the stable and more secure families remain. The latter give a nucleus of parents and children who provide for community-school interaction and work to maintain a school adequate to meet the needs of pupils who attend. Parents who cooperate with the school, the adequate building, materials and facilities, the well-trained, qualified staff, and the program designed to meet the needs of the pupils, all contribute to make Aycock an excellent elementary school in the community setting.

SELF-STUDY REPORT

BURTON STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Asheville City Schools
Asheville, North Carolina
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SECTION ONE

OVERVIEW

I. SETTING

Burton Street Elementary School was for many years a two-teacher county school. It became a city school in 1916 when West Asheville was incorporated. In 1928 the present brick structure was erected. This building consists of the following: 4 classrooms, an auditorium, a lunchroom, a library, and a principal's office.

Burton Street School serves approximately 70 families. At present we have a membership of 108 children. Ninety per cent of the parents belong to the Parent-Teacher Association. The fine cooperation among parents, teachers, and other persons in the community has greatly accelerated the school program.

A survey shows that 60% of the parents are high school graduates and 10% have had at least 1 year of college training. In recent years the parents have shown an unusual interest in the academic achievement of their children. Most of the parents are engaged in domestic and custodial work. Eighty per cent of the parents own their homes.

II. SCHOOL PERSONNEL

A. Professional Staff

Name of Teacher	Certificate/Class	Grade	Membership
Mrs. Aileen Lipscombe	Primary A	1-2	30
Mrs. Nellie J. Stitt	Grammar A	3-4	28
Mrs. Gloria Shepard	Grammar A	5-6	31
Mrs. Alsie Y. Bovian	Graduate Elem.	7-Prin.	19

B. Itinerant Teachers

Mrs. Lettie Polite	Librarian, Class A certificate
Miss Mamie Howell	General Music, Graduate certificate

C. Supervisory Staff

Mrs. Frances H. Brown	Library and Audio-Visual Aids
Mrs. Lucy S. Herring	General Elementary
Mrs. Evelyn W. James	Lunchroom

D. Auxiliary Staff

Dr. Irma H. Smathers	Physician
Dr. D. W. Dudley	Dentist
Mrs. K. Cundiff	Nurse
Mrs. Doris Jackson	Clerical Assistant
Mrs. Annie M. Bolden	Lunchroom Manager
Mrs. Myrtle Greenlee	Lunchroom Assistant
Mr. E. C. McCurry	Custodian

III. STATEMENT INDICATING REQUIREMENTS MET AS LISTED IN GUIDE

We believe our school meets the minimum requirements for regional accreditation according to the Guide to the Evaluation and Accreditation of Elementary Schools.

SELF-STUDY REPORT

EUGENE RANKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Asheville City Schools
Asheville, North Carolina
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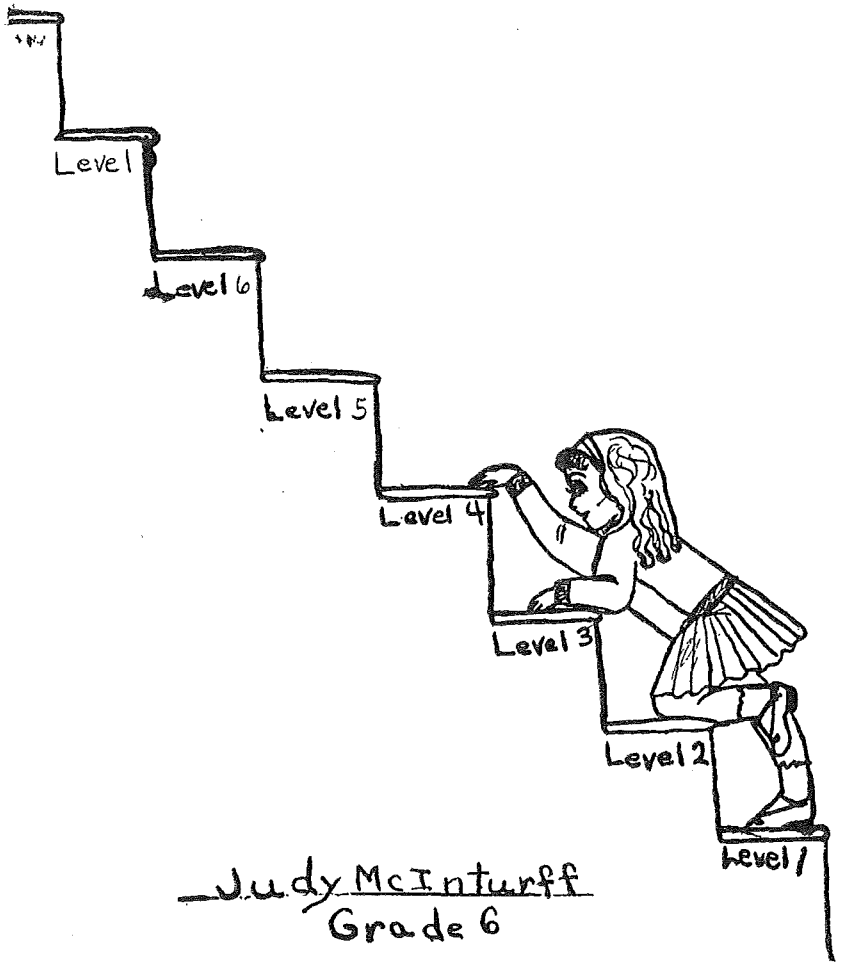

Judy McInturff
Grade 6

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GRAMMAR SCHOOL WILL BE BUILT ON KENT'S FARM

School Board Secures Five Acre Tract in West Asheville

Decision has been reached by the Asheville School Board to locate the new grammar school building to be erected in West Asheville in the near future on the Fred Kent farm, which was purchased Saturday by an Asheville holding company under an option held by Miss Edith Truitt. The holding company was organized by Miss Truitt, newspaper woman, who recently entered the real estate business, and Gray Gorham, realtor.

A five acre tract on the Fred Kent farm has been secured by the city for the school site from the holding company through Miss Truitt, Mayor John H. Cathey said last night. It is understood the consideration was $5000.

No exact date had yet been set for beginning construction work on the school, and plans have not yet been drawn. Mayor Cathey said last night however, that the building would be two stories high and will contain 16 rooms. It will be similar to the Vance School in W. Asheville.

It is stated that the site is an ideal one for the school and city officials are pleased with the reasonable price at which they secured the five-acre contract. Decision to accept the offer of the holding company, presented by Miss Truitt, was unanimous on the part of the school board.

The site of the building will be on the highest piece of ground on the property, at the corner of Hanover, State and Ridge Streets, where the barns and silos are now situated.

The Asheville holding company purchased the 100 acre tract for a consideration said to be around $100,000. No announcement has yet been made as to what the company plans to do with the remaining 95 acres. The entire tract is situated to the south of Haywood Road, three blocks from the main thoroughfare. It can be reached from a number of streets, including Michigan Avenue, Hanover Street, State Street, Virginia Avenue and Brevard Road. Hanover Street is payed to the property. The farm extends to the French Broad River

and has a frontage of 1000feet on State St., 1300 feet on Michigan Ave., and 1200 feet on the western end.

Asheville Citizen May 18, 1925

S E T T I N G

Eugene Rankin School plant was built in 1926-1927 and opened with an enrollment of over 500 pupils. It is a well-constructed brick building, located in West Asheville, on Stewart Street between Hanover Street and Kentucky Drive. It is in a strickly residential community. The only industry nearby is a small toy factory, locally owned and operated by a school patron.

The school enrollment decreased during the depression years and did not pick up very much until Pisgah View Apartments, a low-rent housing project, was built adjacent to the school in 1950. This brought the enrollment up to 496 in 1952-53. Approximately half of the present enrollment comes from this development.

There is a shifting population within Pisgah View Apartments; however, some families have lived there for several years. Many families outside the housing development own their homes and are permanent residents.

About 33 per cent of the parents of the school are P.T.A. members. A few of these are strong leaders who want a good community and a good school and are willing to work for these things. They give generously of their time to the needs of the school. They help with the pre-school clinic, furnish transportation for class visits to farms, fire stations, libraries, museums, grocery stores, bakeries, and other places. The P.T.A. also helps to finance a tonsilectomy for a needy child now and then. Shoes are provided for children who otherwise would not be able to attend school regularly without this help.

The income of the community is low and there are many requests for free lunches, clothing, and medical aid. The Lions Club of West Asheville and some of the churches of West Asheville and Asheville are aware of the need for financial help. During the past several years these organizations have financed lunches for worthy children.

A recent poll revealed that only .8% of the parents of Rankin children are college graduates, 18.8% are high school graduates, and the remaining 80.4% have less than a high school education. Many in the latter group did not finish elementary school.

In our sixth grade classes the I.Q. ranges from a low of 60 to a high of 110. The median I.Q. of the sixth grade pupils is 89, as measured on a group test. This is about the median for the pupils of the school as a whole.

At the present time, January 1963, the school enrollment is 356 pupils. There are fourteen full-time teachers, a principal, a part-time office secretary, a part-time librarian, a part-time music teacher and a part-time speech therapy teacher. There is one special class for trainable children housed in the building and it is taken care of by one faculty member, one helper and a bus driver.

The lunchroom has four workers. The school has one maid and one janitor.

The school library has grown from 930 books in 1938-39 to 3896 books in 1962-63.

A new heating plant was installed in 1961. New floors were laid in both the upstairs and downstairs halls that same year.

The building itself is comfortably heated, and has an adequate number of classrooms to take care of the present enrollment. Its location away from noise and heavy traffic is favorable to a good learning environment.

SELF-STUDY REPORT

VANCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Asheville City Schools
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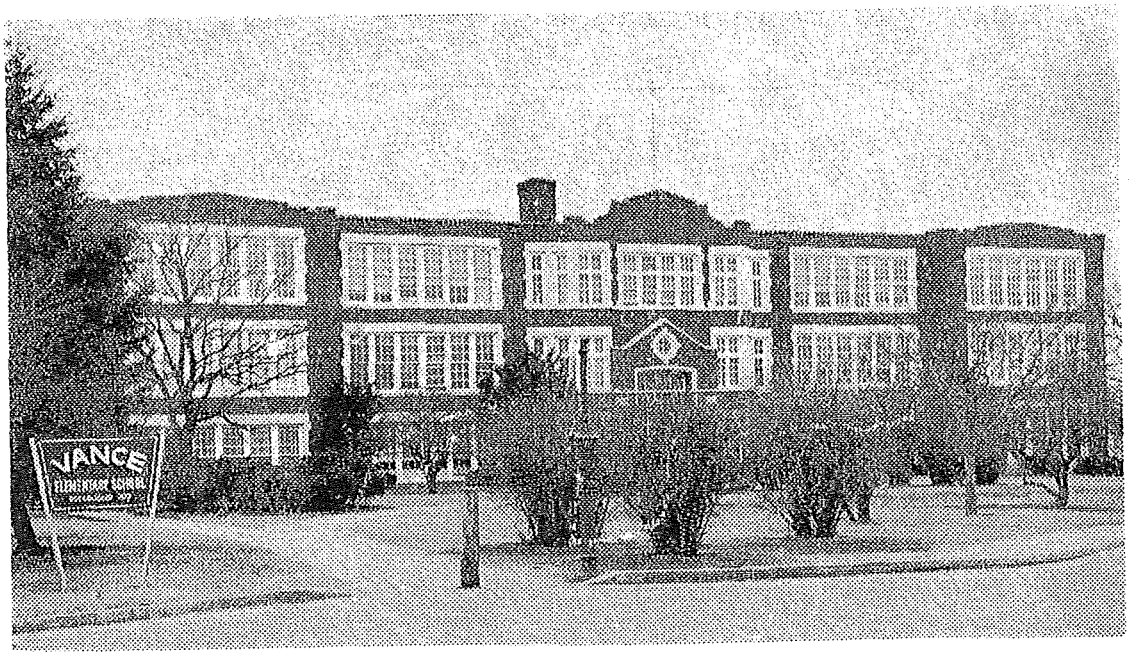

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I. SETTING

Vance School, erected in 1922, is located in West Asheville on Sulphur Springs Road. The seven-acre tract, situated in a residential area, provides ample space for playgrounds. The building contains 22 classrooms, an auditorium, a library, a cafeteria, and storage rooms.

There are 22 teachers for grades 1 to 6 and a full-time librarian. At present the enrollment (100% white) is 656. The school serves approximately 450 families.

Though West Asheville is incorporated in the City of Asheville, it could be considered a community of its own. It contains churches of several denominations. It has branch banks, a branch library, a fire department, parks for recreational purposes, various clubs for adults and children, shopping centers, and many retail stores.

In general the educational level of the parents is above average. The economic status is high, due to the fact that there are some professional and many business men and women among the patrons of the school. The social and economic status may be judged by the fact that approximately 400 parents own their homes. Only 4% of the children receive free lunches.

Transportation is no problem, as the streets are paved, and at least one half of the children are brought to school by "car pools" or city bus. Others live within walking distance of the school.

Efforts to improve the physical facilities of the school are now under way by adding a new library, cafeteria, and additional restrooms, presently under construction. The people of the community, the faculty, and the pupils will be proud of the additions to the building, which will greatly improve the efficiency of the school.

II. HISTORY

West Asheville was taken into the City of Asheville in 1917, and by 1920 it was very evident that several new schools were needed.

In the early twenties several new school sites were chosen. One, purchased from the Logan Estate, was a *"commanding site" of more than seven acres on Sulphur Springs Road. **"From the standpoint of location, noise, playgrounds, safety and views, this site was in many ways the most desirable of all sites chosen." On February 24, 1922, a contract was awarded for the construction of a fourteen-room building on this site. In September 1923, this building was first occupied for school purposes, with the late C. B. Anderson as principal. An addition of six rooms was added in 1926.

In April, 1923, the Parent-Teacher Association's City Council sponsored a movement to name the new buildings in the system. The West Asheville school on Sulphur Springs Road was named Vance, in memory of North Carolina's war governor and senator, Zebulon B. Vance.

Later, a West Asheville resident, Mrs. W. A. Bronson, in collaboration with the Parent-Teacher Associations, appeared before the school board with elaborate plans for the beautification of grounds. Her plans were accepted and as a result the unsightly grounds at Vance School were transformed into a beautifully landscaped place.

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** From G. C. Brown's thesis on Asheville City Schools

Originally all libraries were in the classrooms, but during Mr. G. C. Brown's principalship it was decided to transfer all room libraries to a central library. Later, due to Mr. Brown's untiring efforts, Vance School boasted of one of the largest elementary school libraries in the state.

The Parent-Teacher Association, established the year after the school's opening, has worked untiringly over the years to provide things of beauty and worth for the girls and boys. Among the various activities are the following:

A. Financed landscaping grounds
B. Graded terraces and athletic fields
C. Planted terraces; constructed steps
D. Purchased playground equipment from beginning to the present
E. Established and operated the lunchroom for many years
F. Purchased many copies of good painting for the classrooms
G. Purchased equipment
    1. Projectors
    2. Typewriters
    3. Visual education equipment
    4. Inter-communication system
    5. Library books
    6. Supplementary books
    7. Duplicating equipment

At present the faculty consists of a principal, 22 teachers, a full-time librarian, a speech therapist, and 2 part-time music teachers.

The new library, lunchroom, and restrooms now under construction are scheduled to be completed by the beginning of the 1963-1964 school year.

City Will Open Community Center Monday

The city will open Burton Street Community Center at 3 Buffalo St. Monday, according to Miss August Barnett, director of parks and recreation.

Visitors are invited to call and inspect the new facility Monday from 2 to 5 p. m. and from 7 to 9 p. m.

Mrs. Iola P. Byers will be supervisor of the center with Isaiah Rice as assistant.

The teen-age recreation program at the new center will begin on Tuesday.

The center will be open on Mondays from 7 to 9 p. m., Fridays from 7:30 to 10 p. m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 5:30 p. m. for teen-agers. On Tuesdays and Thursdays a pre-teen program of recreation is planned for 2:30 to 4 p. m.

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—Citizen-Times Photo

AN OPEN HOUSE was held Monday at the Burton Street Community Center to mark the opening of the facility for recreation programs. Mrs. Iola P. Byers, center supervisor, is shown with a group of prospective customers. The teen-age recreation program at the new center will begin Tuesday. Teen-age programs will be held Monday and Friday evenings and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, with pre-teen programs also held Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The center will be available for meetings by civic groups. The City Parks and Recreation Department now operates five community centers.

Asheville Citizen April 2, 1963

Hubert Hayes Honored By Belgian Sculptress

Hubert Hayes, founder of the annual Mountain Youth Jamboree, was "bowled over" Saturday night when a Belgian sculptress presented him with a life-size bust of himself at the closing session of this years event in Asheville City Auditorium.

And the amazing likeness was presented in the name of international good-will by a lovely artist who has made art and good-will her life's mission.

She is Miss Jeanne Gevaert of Lathem-St. Martin, Belgium, a 1948 graduate of the Ghent Art Academy who won the coveted Prix Godecharles along with top honors in her class.

She completed six years of study in one, but part of her phenomenal success comes from having worked in sculpting since she was a child making mud figures in a river near her home.

Miss Gevaert has been in the United States since July of last year and lives with a sister, Mrs. Bob Lindsey near Hendersonville. She is one of a family of 11 children, all of them connected in some way with the finer arts.

She was inspired to do the bust of Hubert when she heard that he too, was an internationalist of sorts—and sought to present folk music of other lands as well as preserving that of these mountains.

The head of Hubert Hayes was created from photographs and is in a sense, she said," . . . a synthesis of him in his most productive years."

Miss Gevaert said one of her major purposes in coming to the United States was to create a monument to those Atlanta, Ga., citizens who perished in a plane crash last year near Paris.

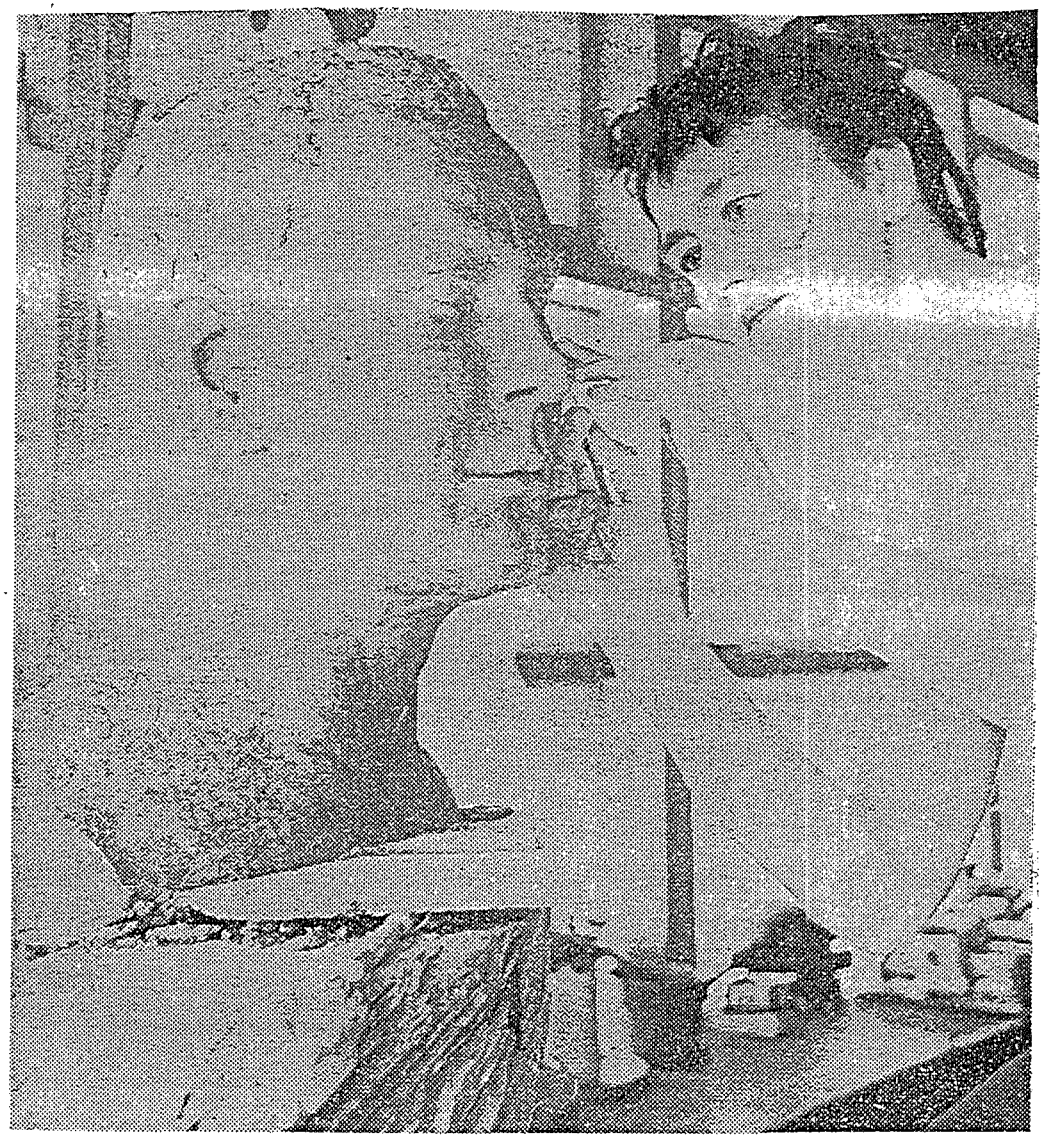
Since her family was driven from their home by Hitler's tanks to work on farm in southern France, the theme of world brotherhood has dominated Miss Gevaert's thoughts.

It has led her on foot and hitch-hiking—with sketchpad—through Greece, the Near East and India, in addition to several European nations. The hitchhiking didn't cost her any respectability, however, because it is the accepted thing on the Continent, she said.

In 1960 she worked at the Carrara Sculptors Institute on a special grant to use their facilities. At this site of the famed white marble quarries of Carrara, from where Michaelangelo obtained his stone, she created the "Young Mothers" which remains on permanent exhibit. Her work on the theme of world peace stands on the Place d'Europe in Brussells.

Her dream of international brotherhood is to assist in the establishing of an international university in the present No-Mans-Land between Arab and Jew in the deserted university building on Mt. Scopus.

—Lewis W. Green



A BELGIAN SCULPTRESS, Miss Jeanne Gevaert, presented this bust of Hubert Hayes, Mountain Youth Jamboree founder, to him at the closing session of this year's Jamboree Saturday night in Asheville City Auditorium. Working with simple tools and contrivances, above, Miss Gevaert created this head in the name of world brotherhood, and said that Hubert was an artist also promoting better understanding through his efforts to preserve folk traditions, not only of the mountains but of all lands.

Asheville Citizen April 21, 1963

N.C.V. - Asheville - Eliada home for children

A Home For Homeless

LIFE WITHOUT THE FRILLS

Greensboro Daily News, Sunday, June 2, 1963

BY JEAN EARNHARDT
Special To Daily News

ASHEVILLE — Tom is a quiet 10-year-old who likes swimming, baseball and eating. He is a poor reader and does not care for school. His parents are separated. Neither can provide a home for Tom and his four younger brothers and sisters.

Patty, 5, has dark hair and pixie eyes. She likes Sunday school and coloring. She has not lived with her family since she was 2 years old. Her mother visits her once a month. Her father is dead.

Willa is a chubby teen-ager. She is in high school and enjoys cooking and sewing. She might want to become a teacher or nurse. Her father deserted his family when she was a young child. Two years ago her mother retreated from her life's dismal reality with a nervous breakdown.

These children are fictitious, but they typify the case histories of 90 very real boys and girls who live at the Eliada Home for Children in Asheville. They are children from homes broken by desertion, divorce, tragedy or crime. They are children robbed by circumstances of the precious nourishment of security and love in their own families.

Some are so young they can remember no other home but Eliada. Others would be happier if they could forget parents who neglected them. Some are brave. Some are hostile. Some take a long time to learn to smile.

Founded In 1903

For 60 years Eliada Home has sought to rebuild these young lives by providing an atmosphere which is spiritually, mentally and physically nourishing. When the late Rev. L. B. Compton founded the Home in 1903 he chose the name "Eliada," meaning "for whom God cares," and through the years help has come in many ways.

From the beginning, financial support has been by voluntary contributions. The home is not affiliated with any church or organization. State and federal funds make up a modest 20 per cent of its total income. The major portion comes from interested supporters throughout the country and from all parts of North Carolina. In Greensboro, D. E. Allred is a former board member and enthusiastic friend of Eliada.

A great many kind hands and hearts contribute in other ways. One Asheville bakery supplies a grandly decorated birthday cake for each child. A group of Buncombe County dentists and physicians provide free dental and medical care. Several Asheville barbers give haircuts, any style requested.

From church groups come sturdy used clothes. Some times there is the special thrill of a private shopping trip with a sponsor to buy a new dress and shoes. At Easter there are baskets and gifts for each child, and the Christmas season is made bright with a generous outpouring of presents. On that most important day-to-day basis there is the love and guidance provided by the Eliada staff as they try to restore the children's wholesome relationship with the world.

Eliada is a busy community whose affairs range from the very personal to the commercial. The director of this diversity is A. D. Cameron, a graduate of Long Island University with a degree and graduate study in education and psychology. Cameron has been director since 1956. His staff of 25 has jobs ranging from teaching and mothering to vocational programs and operation of a dairy herd.

Located on the Leicester Road about four miles from downtown Asheville, the Eliada property is a generous 387 acres. The buildings are grouped on a sunny hill with a heart-lifting view of the mountains and coves and forests. Most of the surrounding fields are farm and pasture land which support the Eliada herd of 100 Guernsey cows. Some 600 laying hens supply eggs, and seasonally there may be as many as 7,000 broilers in the poultry house.

Has Own School

Eliada also has its own school system through the eighth grade. The classes are grouped two grades to a teacher. Because the pupil-teacher ratio is favorable the program can include the remedial attention which may be necessary if distressed family situations have injured the child's emotional health and interrupted his education. Past the eighth grade children attend various city and county schools.

Children are referred to Eliada by ministers, friends, welfare agencies and the courts. Most of them are from Western North Carolina but there is no geographical prerequisite. They range in age from two through 18. When a youngster arrives at Eliada he finds it is not a place of whistle-blowing regimentation. It is a busy, happy home where each child has his part in the work and play routine that must be observed if order is to prevail.

The smallest children are taught to keep their rooms neat. They also are occupied with marvelous projects such as hauling dirt and planting flowers in the window boxes. The older children have appropriate tasks.

Girls take turns helping in the kitchen and dining room. They clean their own rooms and the buildings, help gather vegetables from the garden.

(OVER)

NORTH CAROLINA ROOM
Pack Memorial Public Library

The boys have the major responsibility of keeping the grounds neat, a year-round job of raking and mowing. They also receive valuable vocational training from helping in the dairy and with the chickens.

The need of God in all areas of daily living is stressed. Through church, Sunday school, individual and family devotions the children are trained that a strong faith will sustain them throughout life. The staff also tries to provide as much family life as possible. Brothers and sisters are together a great deal. Meals are eaten family style. The houseparents provide love and care and constant attention. This helps restore the children's trust in adults. It prepares them for a normal life after leaving the home. The houseparent's counsel may also ease adjustment if a child returns to live with his own family.

Quite a number of the boys and girls do return to private homes before finishing high school. Their own parents may be reunited; a relative or fos- parents may offer to take m. But in no event are children offered from the home for adoption.

Homemade Fun

Much of the fun at Eliada is homemade and close at hand. The gym is busy with games and parties. Blackberry picking on the nearby mountain is a memorable adventure. As soon as school is over the Eliada lake becomes the center of activity with swimming, fishing and picnicking. Through the Boy Scouts and Pioneer Girls the youngsters have the fun of cookouts and camping.

There are very few frills at Eliada because the annual budget of about $120,000 is stretched to the limit to provide necessities. Food is ample but simple. All the interiors are clean and neat, but the floors are bare and plaster is cracked. The junior boys dormitory is sandwiched betwcen the two floors of schoolrooms. The few buildings of recent vintage include a four-year-old chapel and gymnasium, no dormitories.

Buildings Condemned

The building where the intermediate boys live has been condemned. Others are so old that it would cost more to restore them than to build new ones. This pressing need for space has led Eliada to conduct the first capital fund drive of its 60-year history.

At the official opening of the campaign on May 20 it was announced that $60,000 had already been donated. This was a first giant step toward the goal of $250,00 which will be used to build three cottage-type dormitories, a new four-room school building, a dining hall and to renovate the present heating plant.

Visitors are welcomed at Eliada Home. Those who come find that with a very few exceptions these are happy children. Walking through the grounds on a typical sunny afternoon the visitor will see clothes lines full of little shirts and big ones. Nearby hangs an army of overalls. The playground jungle gym swarms with youngsters. One towhead may jump down to talk:

"My mama is coming for me in this many days." She lifts five fingers. "But I'm not sure I want to go home," she confides. You later learn that no mother will ever come for her.

At 3:30 the older children burst forth from the school rooms, best friends walking arm in arm. Some of them hurry to the poultry house to gather eggs. Others will help in the kitchen. All of them seem to be at peace with their world. It is the visitor who feels a certain uneasiness now.

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ELIADA CHILDREN AT PLAY

(OVER)

DIRECTOR A. D. CAMERON AND FRIEND

EGG-GATHERER
Old Clothes For Chores

26 Negroes Are Admitted To David Millard In Fall

By BRUCE GOURLAY
Citizen Staff Writer

Asheville Tuesday integrated its first previously all-white school above the elementary level, admitting 26 Negro students to David Millard Junior High School.

The action, passed routinely at Tuesday's meeting of the City School Board in City Hall, involved rising eighth graders only, all previously assigned to Hill Street School.

It came on the heels of the board's recent decision to integrate the seventh and eighth grades of city schools this year based on the "attendance area" system.

Grades one through six were integrated by the board during the past two years under a similar plan which has put some 100 Negro children in formerly segregated Claxton and Newton elementary schools.

The ninth grade in city schools is slated to be integrated next year, with grades 10, 11 and 12 to be affected in 1965-66.

The 26 who were authorized to attend David Millard in September are among a total of some 85 Negro students who are eligible to apply for admission to the city's two previously all-white junior high schools. West Asheville's Hall Fletcher Junior High School did not figure in Tuesday's action.

In other reassignment developments, the board rejected the applications of four first graders seeking reassignment from Claxton to Ira B. Jones School, but approved the applications of five second graders from the Claxton attendance area district to Jones School which they attended last year, with the note that these five would be sent to Claxton if classroom space at Jones became too limited. All nine applications were based on hardship requests.

The board also rejected the petition of a Negro youth residing in the Lucy S. Herring School attendance area who asked to attend the seventh grade at David Millard. The Herring School has a seventh grade, to which the student was assigned.

Negro students accepted to David Millard were:

Eddie Brewer of 4 Thurland Rd., Janet Chambers of 84 Madison Ave., Linda Clark of 46 Dyke St., Shirley Cook of 17 Reid St., Sandra Davis of 22 Miller St., Floris Anne Fritz of 306 Richland St., Marvelyn Fullen of 8 Riddle Bridge St., Donald Gi[illegible] of 48 Forest Street.

Margaret Ann Jackson of 78 Circle St., Darryl Johnson of 116 Mountain St., Ida Gudger of 28 Davidson St., Edward Jones of 7 Norfolk St., Ollie Kilpatrick of 38 Huntington St., Michele Littlejohn of 32 Crescent St., James Porter of 84 Pine St., Margaret Quick of 86 Hazzard St.

Thomas Reeder of 34 Hazzard St., Rodney Johnson of 374 College St., Marlene Roland of 73 Mountain St., Carolyn Smith of 12 Lincoln Ave., Roonie Spell of 241½ S. Beaumont St., Larry Wilson of 24 Hazzard St., Muriel Wilson of 93 Pine St., Peryl Young of 126 Broad St., Billie A. Washington (Mills) of 115 Poplar St. and Diana Williams of 211 Beaumont St.

In other business, the board deferred action on awarding contracts to low bidders on the new senior high school to be built on S. French Broad Avenue after it was reported that architects are still studying the bids, received June 25, and are not ready to make recommendations. A special meeting will be held in the next two weeks to act on the bids.

Board members also put off until their August meeting a decision as to which firm it will award the city schools' scholastic insurance contract. However, it flatly weeded out The Walker Agency of Charlotte, holder of the contract this year. Under consideration for next year are Mutual of Omaha and Pilot Life.

The board also:

1. Accepted 15 new out-of-district students to Lee H. Edwards High School, bringing the total there to [illegible] and authorized 40 new out-of-district pupils to David Millard, increasing its sum to 80. It decided that any additional out-of-district applicants to Lee Edwards would be placed on a waiting list until the start of school when complete enrollment figures at the school are known.

2. Passed a resolution authorizing the purchase of a signature machine for checks coming from the school unit's administrative office.

3. Authorized the continuation of a trainable child program this summer at Benjamin Franklin School.

4. Elected 10 new teachers and accepted the resignations of five city teachers.

Mrs. Dan R. Priest, chairman, presided. All board members were present.

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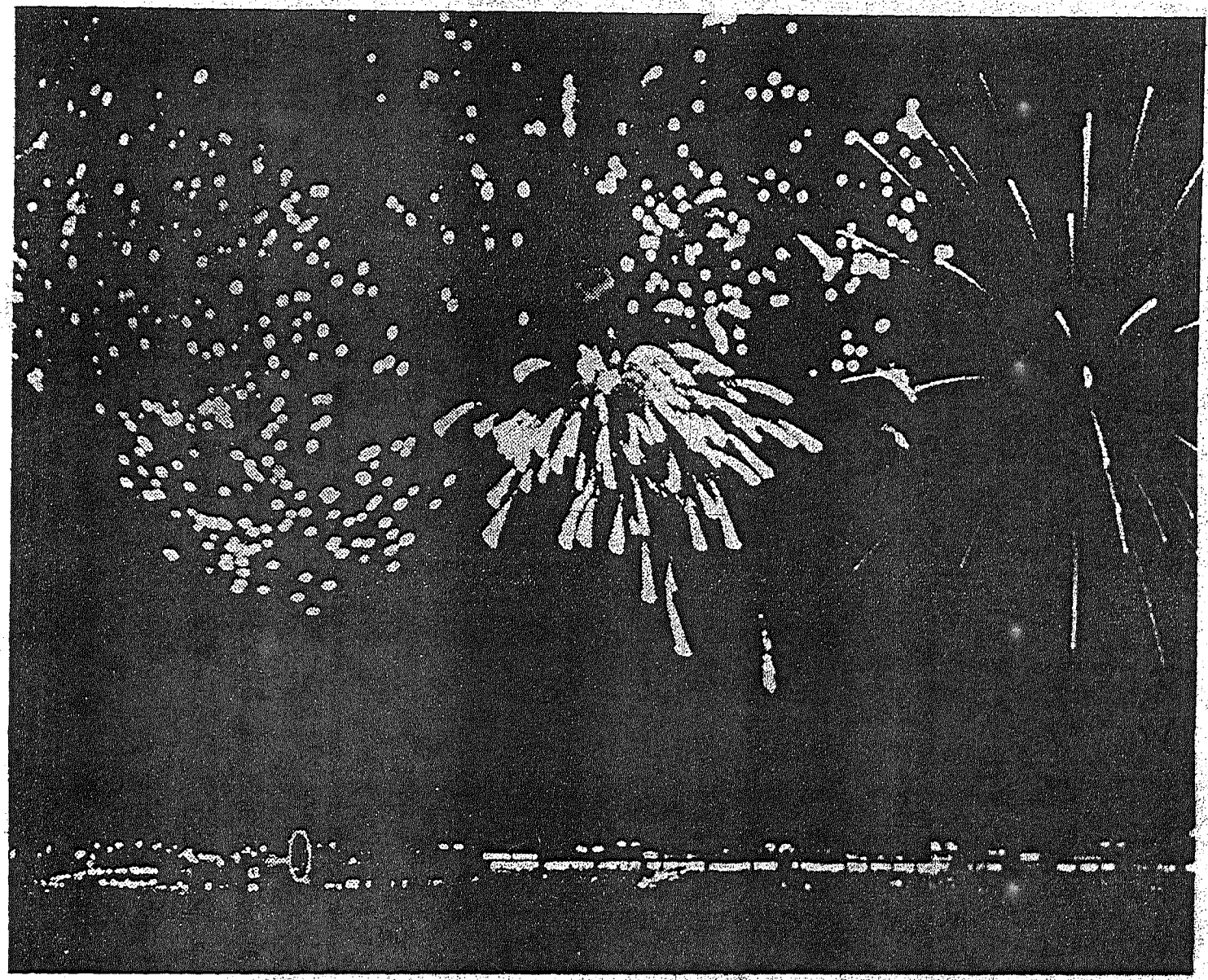

A PRE-HOLIDAY SHOW LIT THE SKY and boomed over Westgate Shopping Center Wednesday night, a colorful prelude to Western North Carolina's July 4 observance.

Asheville Citizen July 4, 1963

At New Asheville Speedway

Junior Johnson To Run In Race Here Next Sunday

By BOB TERRELL
Citizen-Times Sports Editor

With one deft stroke of his pen, Robert (Junior) Johnson assured the New Asheville Speedway that its Grand National race next Sunday afternoon (July 14) will be a thriller.

He signed an entry blank.

"Yes, sir," Junior told N. A. S. promoter Bob Greenwood Saturday. "I'll be there with my short track Chevrolet, a 1963 model. I mailed the entry blank this morning."

Johnson was the 16th entry so far. Greenwood attended the Firecracker 400 in Daytona Beach, Fla., Thursday, and signed up 15 other drivers for the race.

Johnson had to wait until he got back home to see if his new Chevrolet engine had arrived for his short track car. It had, and he'll be on hand.

Three of the ton four point men signed up for the 300-lap race around the 1 3-mile track—point leader Joe Weatherly, who will drive a 1963 Pontiac; second place Richard Petty in a 1963 Plymouth; and fourth place Ned Jarrett in a 1963 Ford.

Freddie Lorenzen moved into third place in point standings, roughly 800 points behind Weatherly, and it is entirely possible that he will start running the

JUNIOR JOHNSON

Short tracks in a bid for the National Late Model Championships. But Greenwood has not received an entry blank from the Holman-Moody driver.

The 300-lap late model race will be supplemented by a 50-lap sportsman race in which Ralph Earnhardt, Dicke Thompson, Roy Trantham, Ned Setzer, Bill Hefner and others will compete.

Time trials for both late models and sportsmen will start at 1 p. m. and the races will get under way at 3 p. m.

So far, Earnhardt is the only man who will compete in both the sportsman and late model races. He'll drive Robert Lowe's Ford in the sportsman race and will be at the wheel of Buck Baker's 1962 Chrysler in the Grand National.

Baker will drive his 1963 Pontiac.

Another former New Asheville Speedway sportsman driver, Bobby Isaac of Catawba, will compete in a 1963 Ford in the late model race. Other entries have been entered by Jimmy Pardue of North Wilkesboro and Herman Beam of Johnson City, Tenn.

Jack Smith of Spartanburg has entered a 1963 Plymouth and Neil Castles will drive a 1962 Chrysler. The 1962 Chevrolets will be Wendell Scott of Danville, Va., the only Negro driver on the Grand National circuit, and Roy Mayne of Washington, D. C.

Slick Elliott of Shelby will drive a Pontiac, Curtis Crider of North Charleston, S. C., a Mercury, and Larry Thomas of Trinity a Dodge.

A few more entries are expected the first of the week, Greenwood said, but if no others enter, the field listed above is large enough for the short track and fast enough to insure a good race.

Junior Johnson will take care of that last item.

Asheville Citizen July 7, 1963

Citizen Times Photo

THE HIGHLANDERS, newest addition to the local "Hootenanny" clan, warm up for their next production at Rec Park. The music-minded trio includes (L-R) Bob Hinkle, 18, of 20 Carlton Pl., a graduate of Lee H. Edwards High School this year who's headed for the University of North Carolina; Bill Horton, 19, of 28 Vermont Court, a junior at Wake Forest; and Nelson Watts, 18, who describes himself as almost a junior at UNC. The three began a Rec Park Hootenanny series last Saturday and hope to continue through Aug. 24.

Musical Trio Here Rides Tide Of National 'Hootenanny' Fad

By PETE GILPIN
Citizen Staff Writer

A Dixieland fan is a dedicated man.

But, given an even slightly open mind, he'll concede there might just possibly be one or two other forms of musical expression.

Like, for instance, the "hootenanny," a word that has not yet attained the status of our office Webster's, but which, roughly translated means a gathering of folk singers with the intent of playing and singing.

Or, as one observer summed it up, a hootenanny is to folk music what a jam session is to Dixieland and other varieties of jazz.

Which is where three Asheville youths come in. One a Wake Forest student, Bill Horton; another a Lee Edwards graduate headed this fall for the University of North Carolina, Bob Hinkle, and the third already at UNC, Nelson Watts.

Mention them and you have to take into account Bob's 12-string guitar, the type Hudie Ledbetter, otherwise known as "Leadbelly," and Pete Seeger have brought to folk music fame throughout the land. Also the other guitar man, Horton, and Watts, who divides his time between the banjo and writing the lyrics for this young group of enterprising folk musicians.

On their own hook, they have arranged for possession of the Recreation Park dance pavillion every Saturday night through Aug. 24 to provide Asheville with a regular series of hootenannies.

Naturally, they figured the audience would be mostly the younger set. It wasn't. Young Watts said most of the 90 who showed up were adults and the Highlanders were competing with a country club dance to boot.

But even before their start at Rec Park, they had already achieved something of a reputation hereabouts.

They were en route to a performance in Hendersonville and trying to figure out what they should call themselves.

"We passed a hotel called the Highlander which was closed down for some reason or other," Watts said. "Right there we decided that was our name."

As for their music, a good portion of it is original.

And even when it isn't, the Highlanders aren't content without adding their own touches.

In a practice session this week, a visitor of previous leaning toward Dixieland, quickly found a common meeting ground with Horton, Hinkle and Watts.

The subject was rock 'n roll.

"It's out," they chorused, bringing a grin to the listener's face, and from that point on, there was mutual accord. There's no disrespect meant here for fans of rock 'n roll. But, as the saying goes, they can have it.

But just to keep everything happy, they presented their original version of "Gypsy," then tried it again as they imagined twist champ Chubby Checkers would have performed.

A "rasty" version, Horton called it.

Rasty?

"That's what used to be called raunchy," Horton explained.

Upcoming for this Saturday's hootenanny at Rec Park, set for 8 p. m., is, to quote the Highlanders, "An Illustrated History of Contemporary American Folk Songs and Documentary, from Leadbelly to the Highlanders."

They'll offer selections made famous by the Weavers, Woody Guthrie, the Kingston Trio, the Brothers Four and Peter Paul and Mary as well as their own ditties.

With that preface, they launched into a rehearsal, offering their favorites and, occasionally, favoring their listener with a request if they approved his choice.

Such songs as the "Wreck of the Old 97," detailing that mighty rough road from Lynchburg to Danville and all on a three-mile grade. Also on how Steve Brodie died trying to make it on time and winding up with "Never speak harsh words to your true lovin' husband. He may leave you and never return."

There was the fast-gaining in the popularity poll philosophical lament entitled "Blowing In the Wind" in which one line reads: "How many times can a man turn his head and pretend he doesn't see."

And there was the rollicking "Peace Corps," in which the Highlanders query: "Who'll join that crowd of nuts and go and live in wooden huts?"

Commercial?

Not so, the Highlanders protest. Proceeds (50 cents a head) go to the Highlanders' Educational and Development Fund—10 per cent to the city to use the Rec Park location, 60 per cent to the University of North Carolina for Hinkle's and Watts' tuition, and the final 30 per cent to take care of Horton at Wake Forest.

—Citizen-Times Photo—Shipman

ENTERPRISING WAS THE WORD for Stephen Jordan, left, 16-year-old son of the Rev. and Mrs. John S. Jordan of 22 Brucemont Circle, as he received airplane tickets from Asheville Citizen-Times Circulation Manager Ben B. Humphries after Jordan won the Citizen-Times Enterprise Contest for newspaper carriers. A six-day junket is in store for Steve, including trips to Annapolis and Washington, D C

Enterprising Carrier To Enjoy Busy Week

A busy week is in store for Stephen Jordan, 16-year-old Lee H. Edwards High School junior and Asheville Citizen-Times carrier, as he boards a plane for Washington, D. C., at 8:30 a.m. Sunday. (today).

Jordan won the Citizen-Times Enterprise Contest, sponsored jointly with the Newspaper Enterprise Assn., and will join other winning carriers in Washington for an action-packed agenda.

The contest winner, no stranger to winning carrier competitions here, is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. John S. Jordan of 22 Brucemont Circle, West Asheville. His father is the pastor of Haywood Street Methodist Church.

Here's what's in store for Steve:

A trip to Annapolis with a cruise on the Severn River to the Chesapeake Bay and a meeting with Navy coaches as well as eating in the Midshipmen's dining room.

A stop at Wallops Island, Va., Space Launching Center with tours of the launching pads and inspection of the block houses. The carriers will inspect the East Coast Tracking Station which follows astronauts orbiting the Earth. They'll visit a complete Mercury station and see an operational range control set-up. And proper conditions permitting, they may witness an actual launching.

Steve and his buddies will be Marines for a day, visiting the Quantico Marine Base and spending a day with the Leathernecks. Special demonstration teams will be brought in for the day which includes a messkit lunch in the field.

There's a night baseball game in Washington on tap.

A tour of historic Washington will include dinner with leaders of the nation, among them Steve's own Congressman, Roy A. Taylor. And there's the liklihood of meeting President Kennedy personally.

Also on tap is a visit to a major aircraft carrier, and a possible one-day trip to sea on a destroyer. Unfortunately, the U. S. S. Enterprise is currently deployed in another theater and unavailable for the occasion.

And, closing out the action-packed week will be a special sunset retreat on the grounds of the Commandant of the Marine Corps with the U. S. Marine Band, the Marine Drum and Bugle Corps and a full battalion of Marines in dress uniform.

Then it's homeward bound and Steve will have a pack of stories to tell his parents and pals of how it pays to be the Citizen-Times Enterprise Boy.

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ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES, Asheville, N. C.
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Miss Reynolds Named As Eliada Benefactress

Miss Mamie Spears Reynolds has been identified as the person who anonymously donated $40,000 last month to the Eliada Home Building Fund.

The sum will be used to construct one of the four dormitories projected at the home. It will be dedicated in the memory of her father, Sen. Robert Rice Reynolds.

The Eliada campaign is approaching its conclusion with $218,365.13 of the $250,000 goal received to date, according to Col. Robert J. Putnam, campaign chairman.

The architectural firm of Gudger, Baber and Wood, designers of the projected buildings, will advertise for bids in the near future and construction is expected to begin in late August, Putnam said.

Miss Reynolds, in a statement released Saturday, said:

"There is no other appeal in Western North Carolina that is more representative of dad's love for his mountain people than the Eliada Home for Children.

"In providing a cottage for these children in his name, I feel that for many years to come the children who are cared for by the home will cherish dad's memory as others do.

"Although my gift was given anonymously, I had announced that when the building was ready for dedication, it would be named in memory of one who was very near and dear. I am quite willing that this be announced sooner in the hope that it will help remind others of this most worthy cause.

"My visits to the home have been most thrilling because anyone who visits there soon shares in the joy that is so abundantly seen in the happy faces of the children.

'In memory of my father, I am most grateful that I could help. The Robert R. Reynolds Dormitory will help to perpetuate his memory in an area and with a people who were so near and dear to him."

The Reynolds dormitory will accomodate some 25 children.

Eliada, which has taken in more than 6,000 homeless children since its origin 60 years ago, has never previously asked the community for any capital funds, Putnam pointed out in a statement.

"The tax dollars saved by keeping these children off the welfare rolls, where foster homes are paid to care for smilar cases, has amounted to more than $480,000 in the last 10 years," Putnam added.

Ninety-six children now call Eliada their home.

Persons may send contributions, Putnam advised, to the Eliada Home Building Fund, Asheville.

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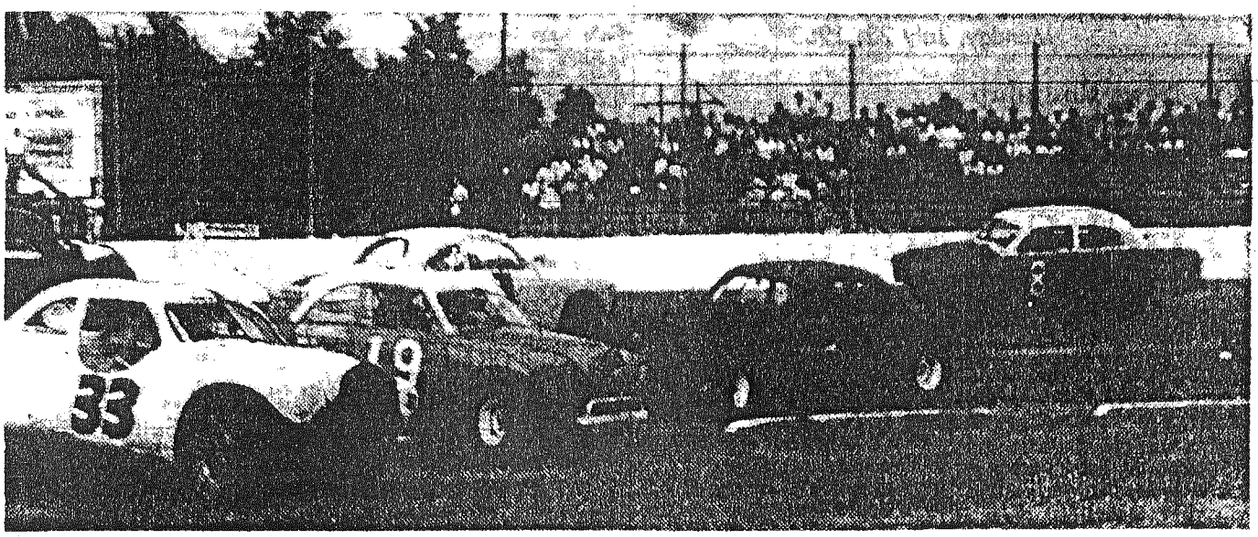

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SLIDING THROUGH TURN—Although these cars appear to be standing still, they're very much in motion, sliding through the fourth turn at the New Asheville Speedway Sunday afternoon to avoid a wreck that developed before them. No. 33 is Tom Mitchell of Brevard, winner of the hobby race. No. 19 is Alvin Brown who was running second at the time. Tommy Brown is in No. 3 and Bruce Austin in No. 8. Seventeen cars jammed into the pileup, some backward (as the one just behind Alvin Brown's car), some broadside, and some head-on, but all drivers controled their machines and only Bud Bishop's was damaged. It was the one that started the commotion by bouncing off the concrete wall.

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Plemmons Is Winner!

Dickie, Banjo Outrun Earnhardt In Race At New Asheville Track

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C. 13
Monday, July 22, 1963

By BOB TERRELL
Citizen Sports Editor

It finally happened!

Gritting their teeth, stomping their gas pedals and shooting through traffic like cab drivers in New York, Dickie Plemmons and Banjo Matthews outran Ralph Earnhardt at the New Asheville Speedway before 2,500 spectators Sunday afternoon.

Dickie won the race—his first victory here since opening night of this season—and he was the happiest man in town for doing so. Banjo roared home in second place, several feet ahead of Earnhardt, who had started the race in quest of his 10th straight win on the 1-3-mile speedway.

"They just outran me—flat out," said Earnhardt after the race. "I was getting everything my car had to offer, but I couldn't do it."

The day's biggest surprise came when Asheville's Bob Pressley, who has been running faster and faster each week, put his late-model sportsman Ford on the pole, qualifying faster than Dickie, Banjo, Earnhardt and the rest.

For 12 laps Pressley led the field, but on the 13th, Dickie trapped him in traffic and roared into the lead. Banjo and Earnhardt also streamed by Pressley right on Dickie's tail, and that's the way they ran the rest of the race—one, two, three, four—although Banjo did some smooth jockeying trying to get by Plemmons. Dickie, however, stayed on it all the way and rolled home in front.

"I was running this race for Mr. Moore," said Banjo, referring to Howard Moore, who is still recovering in an Asheville hospital from a broken arm and leg he received when hit by a car in the pits last Sunday. Moore owns the car Banjo drove, the one usually driven by Harold Moore, son of the injured man.

And Banjo really ran. Plemmons, Banjo and Earnhardt were coming off the fourth turn like three rocks from a slingshot and turning the track at terrific speed.

At the start of the race Pressley took the lead, Earnhardt was second, Plemmons fell in third and Banjo fourth. On the second lap, however, Dickie and Banjo roared around Earnhardt and from there on it was a bumper to bumper battle among the leaders.

At the end of the race the first four sportsman cars and first three hobby cars were checked by NASCAR Steward Roby Combs for legality and all engines met with track specifications.

The hobby race produced a thriller. Tom Mitchell of Brevard won the race after a close duel with Alvin Brown of Asheville.

On the 16th lap of the race, the hobby drivers proved their skill in handling their machines. Bud Bishop of Brevard and Wade Hensley of Asheville bumped in the fourth turn and next thing they knew Bishop banged into the concrete wall and rebounded broadside onto the track.

There were 17 cars running in the race at the time and every last one of them came piling in. No one got through. But Bishop's was the only car damaged as the other drivers dodged and ducked and brought their racers to a standstill without major mishap.

After that wreck, Alvin Brown, running second, made several attempts to regain the lead, but he spun out of contention in the first turn as a result and settled for a fourth place finish.

Harry Coates of Enka ran second to Mitchell and Hensley came in third.

SPORTSMAN FEATURE

Pos.	Driver, Hometown	Car No.
1	Dickie Plemmons, Asheville	18
2	Banjo Matthews, Asheville	38
3	Ralph Earnhardt, Kannapolis	V8
4	Bob Pressley, Asheville	54
5	Ned Setzer, Claremont	7
6	Roy Trantham, Asheville	6
7	Pee Wee Griffin, Asheville	32
8	Jack Ingram, Asheville	11
9	Jack Brittain, Icard	42
10	Jack Sprinkle, Asheville	92
11	Clarence Ogle, Swannanoa	48
12	Charles Ollis, Arden	00
13	John Allison, Black Mountain	45
14	Maurice Robinson, Weaverville	5
15	Charles Lowe, Waynesville	81
16	Gene Black, Arden	82
17	Jack Rogers, Greenville, S. C.	23
18	Carl Maynor, Asheville	U

HOBBY FEATURE

1	Tommy Mitchell, Brevard	33
2	Harry Coates, Enka	18
3	Wade Hensley, Asheville	11
4	Alvin Brown, Asheville	19
5	Tommy Brown, Black Mountain	3
6	George Miller, Asheville	10
7	Charlie Morgan, Enka	1
8	Reeves Reeves, Waynesville	14
9	Fred Parker, Brevard	88
10	Max Ledbetter, Franklin	21
11	Bruce Austin, Asheville	8
12	Bill Davis, Asheville	00
13	James Rice, Barnardsville	44
14	Gerald Sloan, Asheville	20
15	Bud Bishop, Brevard	53
16	Allen Silver, Marshall	47
17	Bud Harrison, Asheville	28
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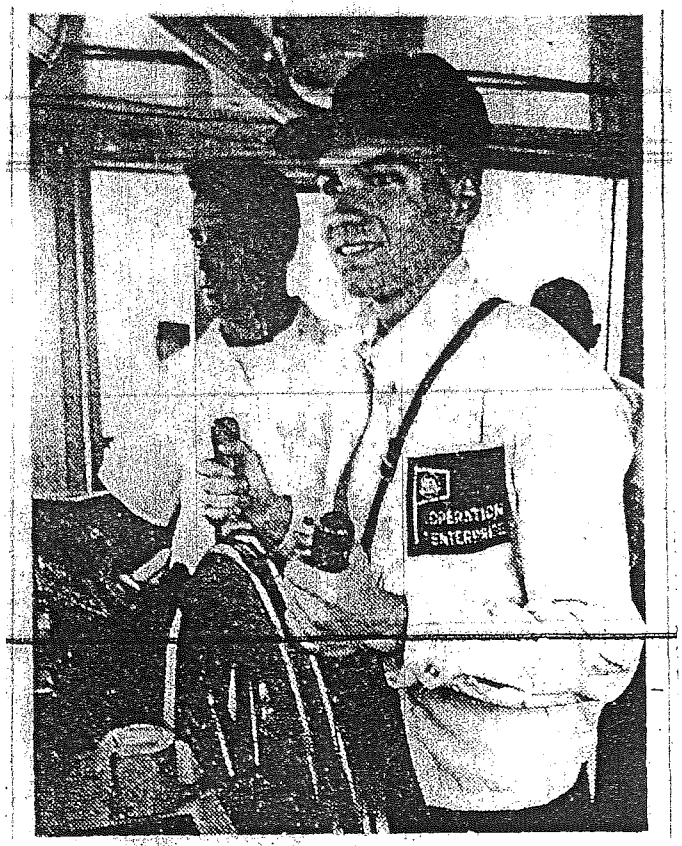

AN ENTERPRISING YOUNG MAN is at the helm as Stephen Jordan, winner of the Citizen-Times Enterprise Contest for carriers, confidently navigates on the Severn River at Annapolis. With other contest winners Stephen met with Navy coaches and ate in the midshipmen's dormitory. He will also visit the space launching center at Wallops Island, Va., and Quantico Marine Base.

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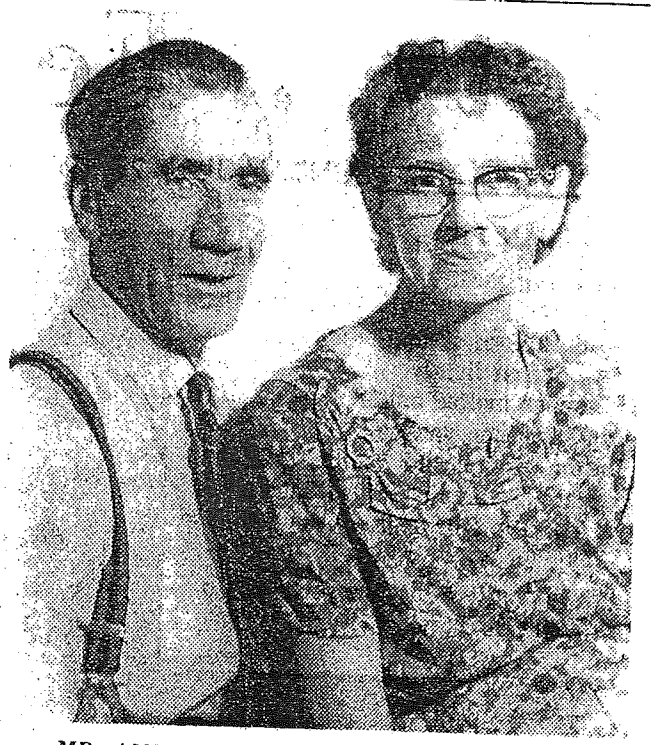
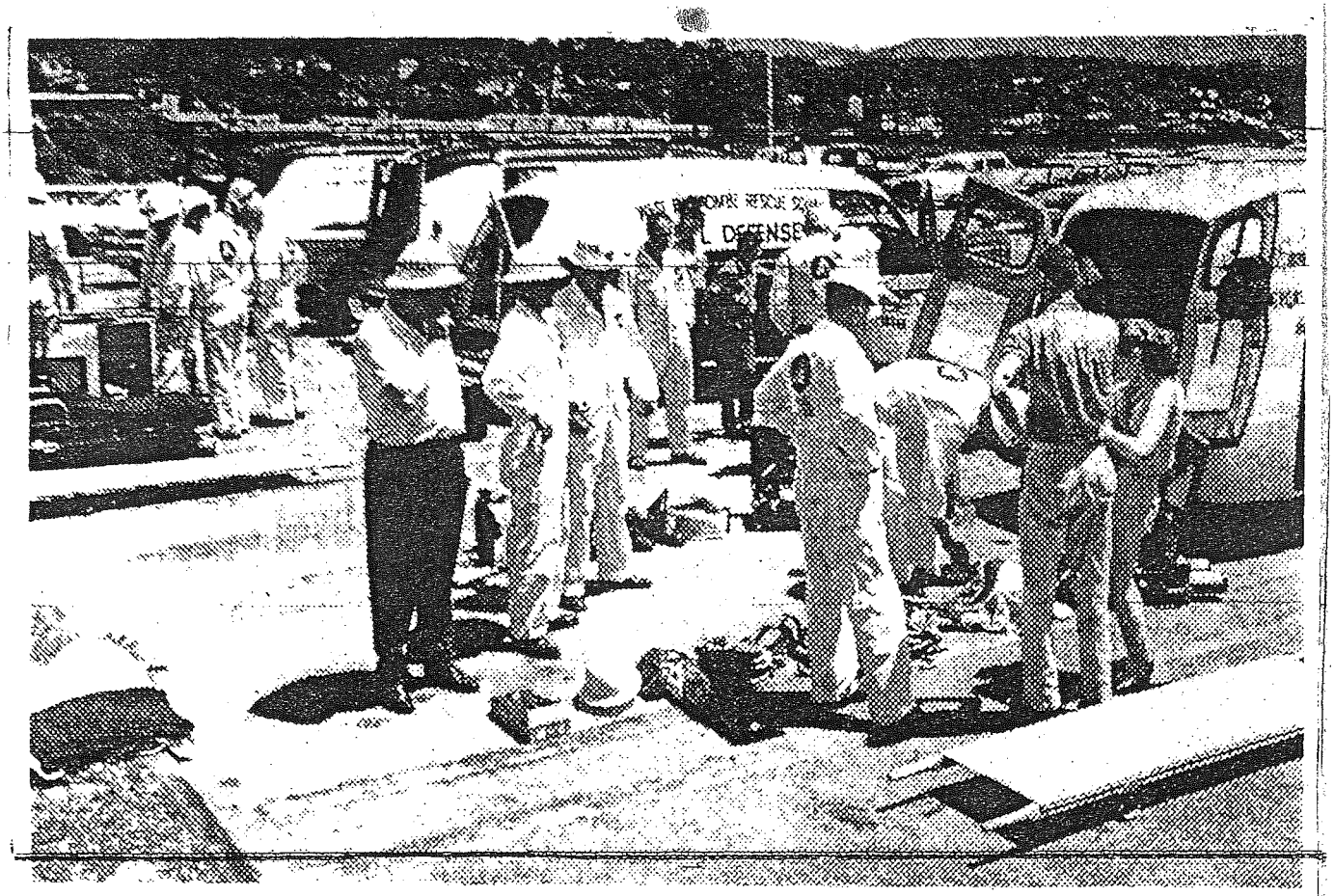


MR. AND MRS. B. A. HIGGINS of School Road are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. for friends and relatives. The couple was married July 27, 1913. Mrs. Higgins, the former Miss Estus West, was born in Haywood County June 22, 1893. Mr. Higgins, a retired farmer, was born in Yancey County July 12, 1891. Their eight children include Mrs. Howard Rogers of Black Mountain, Mrs. Clara Treadway, Mrs. Ancel Bradley and B. A. Jr., all of Asheville, Mrs. Pearl Bassett of Milville, N.J., Mrs. Wilbur Simpson of Asheville, Billy R. of Horseshoe and Roland of Asheville. They have 33 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.



—Citizen-Times Photo

CIVIL DEFENSE equipment and vehicles were put on public display at Westgate parking lot Saturday. In the foreground are members of the Skyland Volunteer Fire Department and the West Buncombe Rescue Squad with various items utilized in their duties. A total of 14 vehicles, including a mobile communications bus were shown. Mrs. Nora Gunter, director of Buncombe County CD, said the equipment had been purchased through surplus property transactions or through matching funds provided by federal and county governments.

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Foundation Presents $40,000 To Eliada

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The $250,000 building fund drive goal for the Eliada Home for Children was surpassed Tuesday with the first public announcement of a $40,000 grant by the James H. Cummings Foundation, Inc., of Buffalo, N. Y.

The drive has now produced funds totaling $252,775.

Members of Eliada's board of trustees and directors and their wives honored Mrs. James H. Cummings of Buffalo, a director of the foundation, and the widow of the founder, at a luncheon Tuesday at the home.

The grant will be used to pay for one of the new cottage-type housing units at Eliada, Col. Robert Putnam, chairman, and Harmon Lee, vice chairman of the drive, announced.

A revision of plans and increased costs in labor and materials have necessitated a need for additional funds beyond the goal, John Ehle, treasurer, reported.

All persons who have not turned in their fund pledges are urged to do so as soon as possible, Col. Putnam said at the luncheon.

The foundation was provided for in the will of James H. Cummings, a manufacturer of pharmaceutical products, who died in May, 1959. It authorizes grants for philanthropic and charitable purposes.

Mrs. Cummings met Eliada Home staff members, toured the grounds and inspected possible sites for the new housing unit to be erected with the foundation funds.

Mrs. Cummings and her late husband formerly maintained a summer residence near Hendersonville for a number of years. During her visit Tuesday, she invited the home's touring choral group to visit Buffalo next year.

"I'm happy to have had the opportunity to visit Eliada Home at this time," said Mrs. Cummings.

"It has been a pleasure to see the children well cared for and the facilities well taken care of by the management," Mrs. Cummings said. "I'm particularly impressed with the educational and spiritual development of the children," she told the luncheon group.

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CLYDE BEATTY

Clyde Beatty Brings Circus Here Monday

The Clyde Beatty Circus, with Beatty in person and an array of new foreign acts and features, will appear here Monday under sponsorship of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Performances will be given at 3 and 8 p m. at Carrier Field.

Beatty will enter a cage full of lions and tigers. New beasts, imported and trained during the past winter, now make this act the largest of its kind in circus history.

Supporting Beatty are the George Hanneford Family of bareback riders; the Montalvo Troupe; the Flying Mary-Eddies; the Escalantes; the Great Joannides; the Four Kentons, and many others.

Three herds of elephants, 100 thoroughbred horses and a free menagerie take care of the animal portion of the show. In addition, there will be 30 clowns.

The two-hour performance will also feature three new pageant spectacles, "Arabian Nights," "Golden Ear-rings," and the aerial ballet, "The Glow Worm."

Medical Center Planned For West Asheville Area

Construction will begin immediately on a $235,000 West Asheville Medical Center at the corner of Haywood and Deaverview roads, it was announced yesterday.

The new center, which is expected to be completed within six months, will contain modern office and treatment facilities for four physicians and one dentist.

The physicians who will occupy the building are Dr. Lewis C. Sommerville, Dr. Claude E. Steen Jr., Dr. Leslie A. Smart and Dr. Louis C. Waller. Dr. Carl R. Mundy will occupy the dentists office.

The center will feature separate suites of offices with a joint waiting room, X-ray room and laboratory, and a joint emergency room with separate ambulance entrance.

The exterior of the structure will be a combination of native stone, wood siding and precast stone panels.

J. Bertram King of Asheville is architect for the project and Fiske-Carter Construction Co. of Spartanburg, S. C., is the general contractor.

Asheville, N. C., Monday Evening, November 25, 1963

Murder In Dallas Stuns Folks Here

By MARY ELLEN WOLCOTT

The murder of Lee Harvey Oswald yesterday in Dallas brought a unanimous opinion in a poll in downtown Asheville today that it "should never have happened."

All those interviewed agreed that Oswald should have been brought to trial and that American citizens "feel cheated" that due process of law with full exposure of Oswald's actions and motives was cancelled with his murder.

A. W. Hampton, 88 Middlemount Ave., city employe: I think they ought to have kept him alive; I don't believe in taking the law in your own hands. Officials think he really killed the President and they ought to know, but I don't believe another person ought to have been killed. But the Dallas police did a good job of getting him (Oswald). I really hated it about the President; I thought a lot of him. I would have voted for him again; I thought he was doing a great job.

Hampton

City Patrolman M. D. Wasson,
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Murder Stuns Folks In Asheville

133 Carrier St.: It's a shame that he never came to trial. They evidently got enough evidence and they're convinced that he did it, but now they'll probably never know the reason. I would imagine with all the nationwide publicity and all the confusion, the Dallas police probably handled it to the best of their ability. There was such mass confusion, with reporters from every state, every city.

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MAN ALSO KILLS EX-WIFE AND SELF

Minister Is Slain In Asheville Church

MR. COBB

An ex-convict shot and killed his divorced wife, a minister and then himself during services at the West Asheville Assembly of God at 826 Haywood Rd. last night as horrified members of the congregation looked on aghast.

Police said Walter Bailey, 57, of 12 Elizabeth Pl., carrying a sawed-off, double barrel, 12-gauge shotgun, walked into the church about 8 p. m., gunned down the Rev. Lester M. Cobb, 44, of 82 Belmont Ave., shot his recently divorced wife, Ruby, 50, of Pisgah View Apartments, minutes later and then turned the gun on himself.

Mrs. Bailey, shot in the head, was rushed to Memorial Mission Hospital where she died more than an hour later — at 9:25 p. m.

Mr. Cobb was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

Dr. John C. Young, Buncombe coroner, said Bailey died instantly of wounds of the left chest.

Police quoted J. D. Taylor, a member of the church board, as saying that Bailey "walked about 10 feet up the main aisle and asked the pastor, "Where's Ruby?"

Taylor told officers Mr. Cobb, who had just finished conducting the song service, came down from the pulpit and pleaded with Bailey "to put down his gun and leave, and told him no charges would be filed."

Bailey then shot Mr. Cobb from a distance of about five feet and the minister slumped to the floor, mortally wounded. Dr. Young said eight 00 buckshot pellets struck the minister in the right chest.

Taylor told officers he slipped out of the church after Mr. Cobb was shot and called police from a nearby telephone.

Less than a minute and a half after leaving the church, Taylor was quoted as saying, "I heard two other shots in the church auditorium, and when I returned I found Mrs. Bailey wounded in the head and Bailey lying in the middle aisle."

Other witnesses were quoted by officers as saying that they overheard Bailey tell Mr. Cobb before the shooting began that "I'm not going to leave until I see Ruby."

Mrs. Bailey had slipped to the floor of the church between two pews shortly after Bailey strode inside, according to Detective Sgts. J. D. Baker and Joe Letterman.

When Bailey shot Mr. Cobb, several members of the congregation ducked to the floor and several women seated near Mrs. Bailey piled coats on her in an effort to hide her from her ex-husband, the detectives reported.

The officers said Bailey apparently saw what the women were doing, walked over and shot his former wife in the head, then moved into the middle aisle and shot himself.

Taylor also told the officers he had tried to leave the church to call the police before Bailey began shooting, but that Bailey had told him "to get back and sit down." Taylor was also quoted as saying Bailey had detained two elderly women members of the congregation when they tried to leave, but had finally let them go.

The service was being held in the basement because the main part of the church is under construction.

Police noted that Mrs. Bailey had received a divorce from her husband in General County Court last Tuesday. Bailey had been released from Craggy Prison Camp Nov. 23 after serving 13 months of a 20 to 24 months sentence on a charge of assaulting a female, according to prison camp officials.

Dr. Young ruled the shootings a double murder and suicide and said no inquest would be held.

Bailey had a record of assault convictions dating back to 1939, prison records show.

Police said Mr. Cobb and his wife had recently returned to Asheville from Mississippi, adding that last night was the first night Mr. Cobb had appeared in the pulpit in about a month.

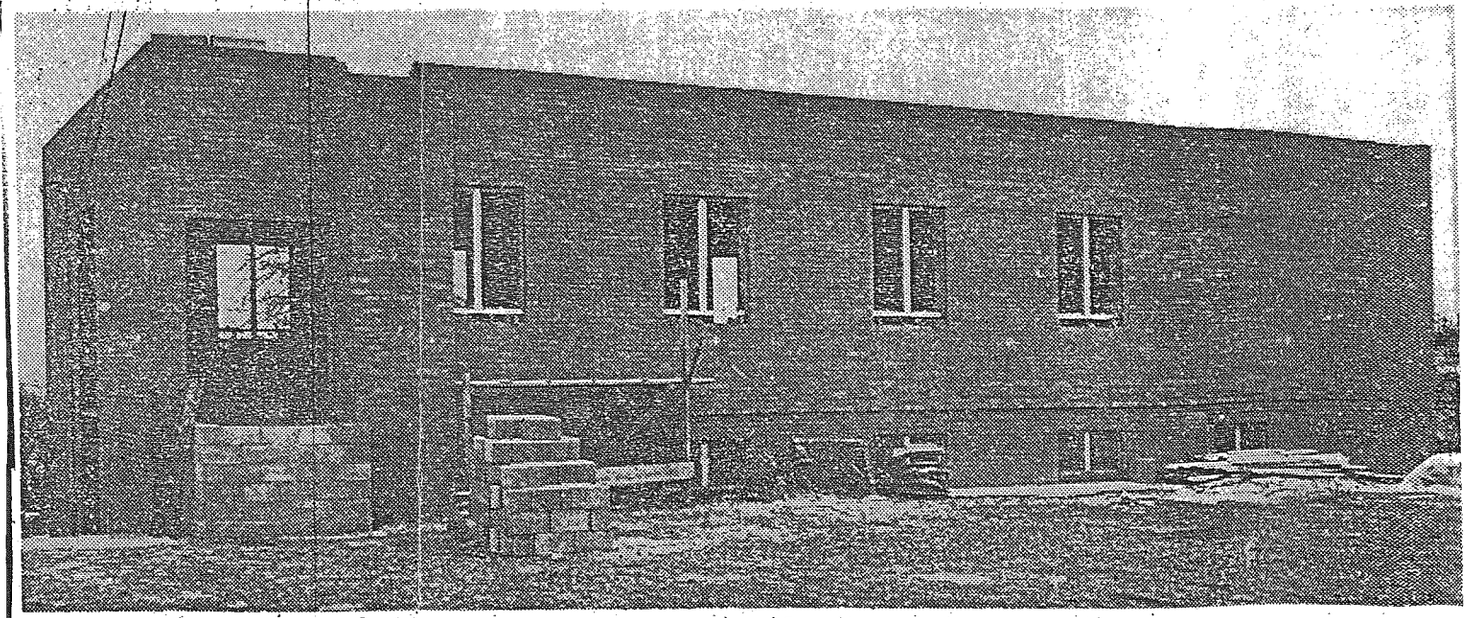
A native of Laurel, Miss., Mr. Cobb worked as an electrical contractor in addition to being a minister.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Loraine Kennedy Cobb; a son, Lester Jaubert; three daughters, Janice Loraine, Charlotte Ann and Sharon Rose, all of the home; and a sister, Mrs. Hazel Keyes of Crystal Springs, Miss.

Arrangements are under direction of Groce Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bailey's body was taken to Anders-Rice Funeral Home.

Arrangements for Bailey are under direction of Dunn and Williams Funeral Home.



Scene Of Slaying

Three persons died in a bizzare double murder and suicide at this modest church—the West Asheville Assembly of God at 826 Haywood Rd.—last night. Police said Walter Bailey, 57, of 12 Elizabeth Pl. strode into the basement of the church where services were being held, gunned down the pastor, the Rev. Lester M. Cobb, 44, of 82 Belmont Ave. with a 12-gauge shotgun, shot his own divorced wife, Ruby Bailey, 50, of Pisgah View Apartments, then turned the gun on himself.

3 p. m. Tuesday. Jesse Ray Funeral Home is in charge here.

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The Rev. Mr. Cobb

Services for the Rev. Lester M. Cobb, 44, of 82 Belmont Ave., West Asheville, who died Sunday, will be held at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday in Groce Funeral Home chapel.

The Rev. F. L. Jones and the Rev. Fred Sorrells will officiate. Burial will be in Pisgah View Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be G. H. Altman, L. T. Whidden Sr., L. T. Whidden Jr., Charles Brown, Rudolph Nichols and Howard Thompson. Honorary pallbearers will be ministers of Assemblies of God.

West Asheville American Legion Post 335 will serve as an honor guard.

Cobb was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Force. He was a member and past commander of West Asheville American Legion and also chairman of the building committee and chaplain of the post.

Groce Funeral Home is in charge.

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12-29-63

Denomination Announces Cobb Memorial Fund Plans

A Cobb Memorial Fund for completion of the West Asheville Assembly of God Church is being established in honor of the late Rev. Lester M. Cobb, it was announced here Saturday.

The Rev. Fenton L. Jones of Dunn, district superintendent of the North Carolina Assemblies of God, will be in Asheville Monday to handle arrangements for establishment of the fund.

The fund has received the support of national officials of the denomination, which has its headquarters in Springfield, Mo.

Cobb was fatally shot Dec. 1, while conducting Sunday evening services in his church at 826 Haywood Rd., by Walter Bailey, an ex-convict.

Denominational officials noted Saturday that Cobb came to Asheville about eight years ago to pioneer the building of the West Asheville Assembly of God Church.

A basement unit was completed first and has been used for services. More recently, construction of a second addition to the church plant was begun. The one great desire of the late pastor, who personally contributed much time, labor and funds to the project, was to complete the church.

District Supt. Jones said Saturday that "no greater tribute could be paid to Mr. Cobb than to complete this church as a memorial of his faithfulness. Asheville and the Assemblies of God Church organization have lost a very noble and courageous man."

Contributions to the fund will be accepted from anyone interested in the effort, Jones said. Donations should be made payable to the West Asheville Assembly of God Church, he said.

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$10,000 Given By Foundation

Mrs. Graham Instrumental In Obtaining Eliada Grant

Ash. Cit. 12-28-63

An unexpected gift of $10,000 has softened the blow for Eliada Home for Children construction planners when bids on proposed new buildings came in $50,000 higher than expected.

The $10,000 donation was the third of that amount in the drive for funds to build four new dormitories, a new dairy barn, purchase of new furniture and replacement of an obsolete heating plant.

The drive itself produced $25,000 more than the original $250,000 goal.

The latest gift came from the Vivian B. Allen Foundation in New York City.

And it came as the aftermath of a chance conversation between two women.

Mrs. J. F. B. Camblos and Mrs. Billy Graham were discussing the progress of the fund drive, and Mrs. Graham recalled that Logan Fulrath is the administrator of a foundation known to be interested in such causes.

Fulrath, a New York City attorney, is a close friend of Dr. and Mrs. Billy Graham. She delivered the message and the foundation came through.

Previous $10,000 donations have been made by Mrs. Mamie Spears Reynolds Chinetti, and from a memorial fund established by a Hendersonville woman for her late husband.

Col. Robert J. Putman, chairman of the fund drive, said plans for the buildings meanwhile had been scaled down, and new bids will be opened Jan. 11.

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Post Office To Be Built In West Asheville 'Park'

By PHILIP CLARK
Citizen Staff Writer

Plans for developing a $1-million-plus, eight-acre office park on Patton Avenue to include the new West Asheville Post Office building were announced Thursday by Richard L. Coleman, Asheville contractor.

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Postmaster General John A. Gronouski announced Thursday in Washington, D. C. that the contract for the Post Office building has been awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Coleman.

The tract is located on the south side of Patton Avenue between Parkwood Road and Druid Drive, and has a frontage of 887 feet along Patton Avenue.

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Coleman said plans call for a 40-foot loop roadway circling through the property with an open grassed area and both public and private parking spaces. The 10 buildings to be constructed in the park will face the loop roadway. The Post Office building will be located at the rear of the loop.

Negotiations are now under way, Coleman said, for inclusion in the park of an insurance company building, a branch bank and a 10,000-square-foot office building. All of the buildings, including the post office facility, will be constructed and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Coleman and leased to the occupants. Cost of the Post Office buliding will be $85,000.

The buildings will be all of one story and similar in construction to the National Cash register Co. building, completed by Coleman in 1963 at the west end of the tract.

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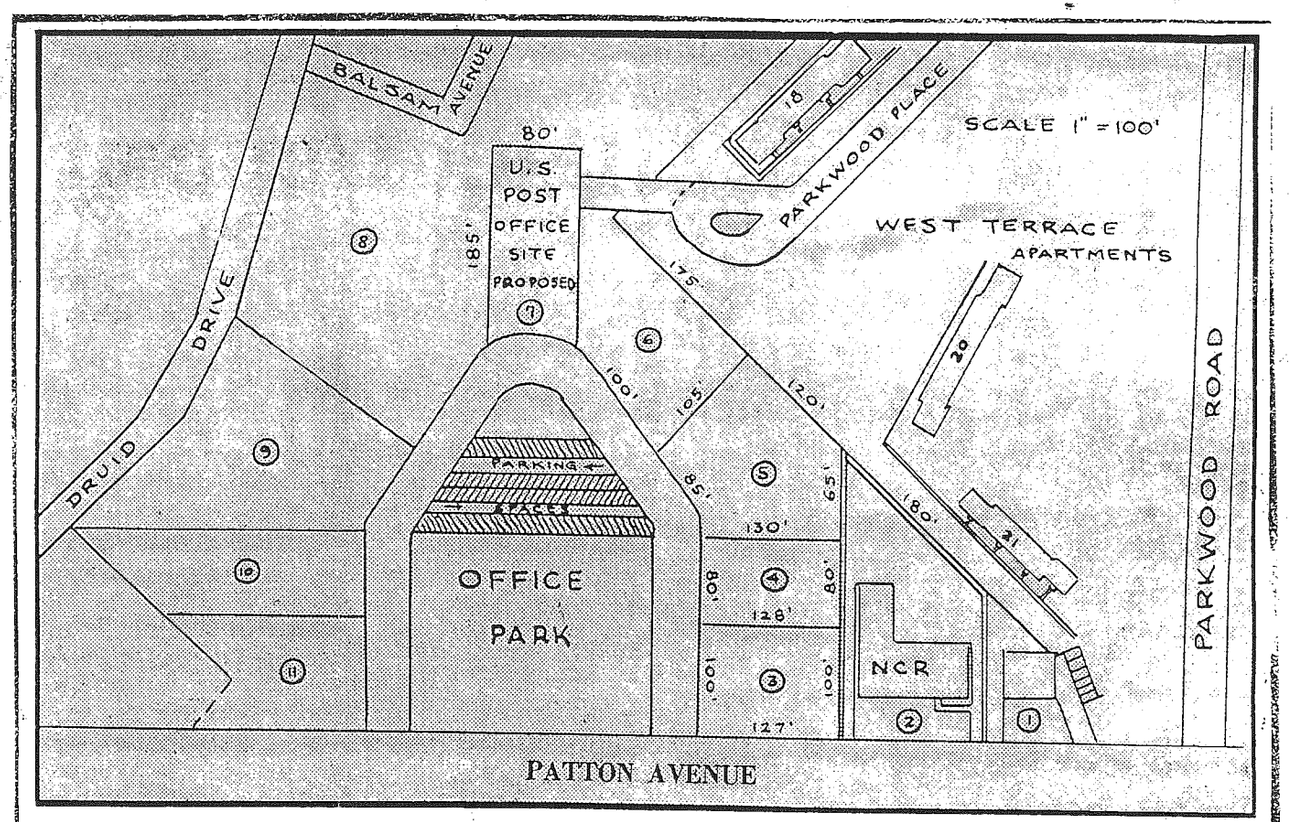
Grading for the office park was started Dec. 1. Construction of the Post Office building will begin as soon as working drawings are complete, Coleman said. The property was purchased from the Shuford and Horny estates and other parties. Construction will be carried out by R. L. Coleman and Co.

The lease on the Post Office building will be for 10 years, with four five-year renewal options. The building will have an interior space of 19,467 square feet and will be located on a site containing 19,467 square feet. There will be 14,632 square feet for parking space and movement of postal vehicles. Completion is expected by Oct. first.



AN OFFICE PARK to be constructed on Patton Avenue will include the new West Asheville Post Office Station. The 10-building park is being developed by Richard L. Coleman. Buildings will face a central loop roadway. Negotiations are now being carried out for location of an insurance company on lot No. 4, a branch bank on lot No. 6, and an office building on lot No. 8. Location of the Post Office building on lot No. 7 has already been fixed.

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Asheville News Changes Hands

The Asheville News, a weekly newspaper published in West Asheville, switched to new ownership and management effective last week, according to an announcement from Walter A. Ward, former owner and publisher.

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A Canton publishing firm bought control in the News when Ward decided to retire from the newspaper business. Ward has been owner and publisher of the News since 1934, except for the period 1948-1954.

The Canton firm also publishes The Canton Enterprise, a semi-weekly newspaper, and The Enka-Candler Record, a weekly published in the Enka-Candler area. Roy L. Lucas of Canton, who is editor-manager of the firm's other newspapers, will also fill that capacity with The Asheville News CITIZEN.

News reporter Mrs. Bertha Haley will continue as a staff reporter, it was announced. James C. Fagan of Asheville will be advertising manager. Ward will remain as a consultant.

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Costs Strain Eliada Funds

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Members of the Board of Trustees of Eliada Homes, Inc., held their monthly meeting at Eliada Tuesday afternoon. Prior to the meeting, the Trustees viewed the construction work being done on the three new dormitories, new class room and dinning hall buildings.

They approved the purchase of two large boilers from the Johnston County Memorial Hospital in Smithfield for use in the new central heating unit at Eliada.

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John M. Ehle, chairman reported that building fund pledges had reached $320,551.24 and that due to higher building costs an additional $30,000 needed to complete the building program.

Thanks were extended to the City of Asheville and to Baxter Taylor for their cooperation in opening Compton Drive, a new entry road into Eliada grounds, from the new Leicester highway, which will be the main entrance to the home.

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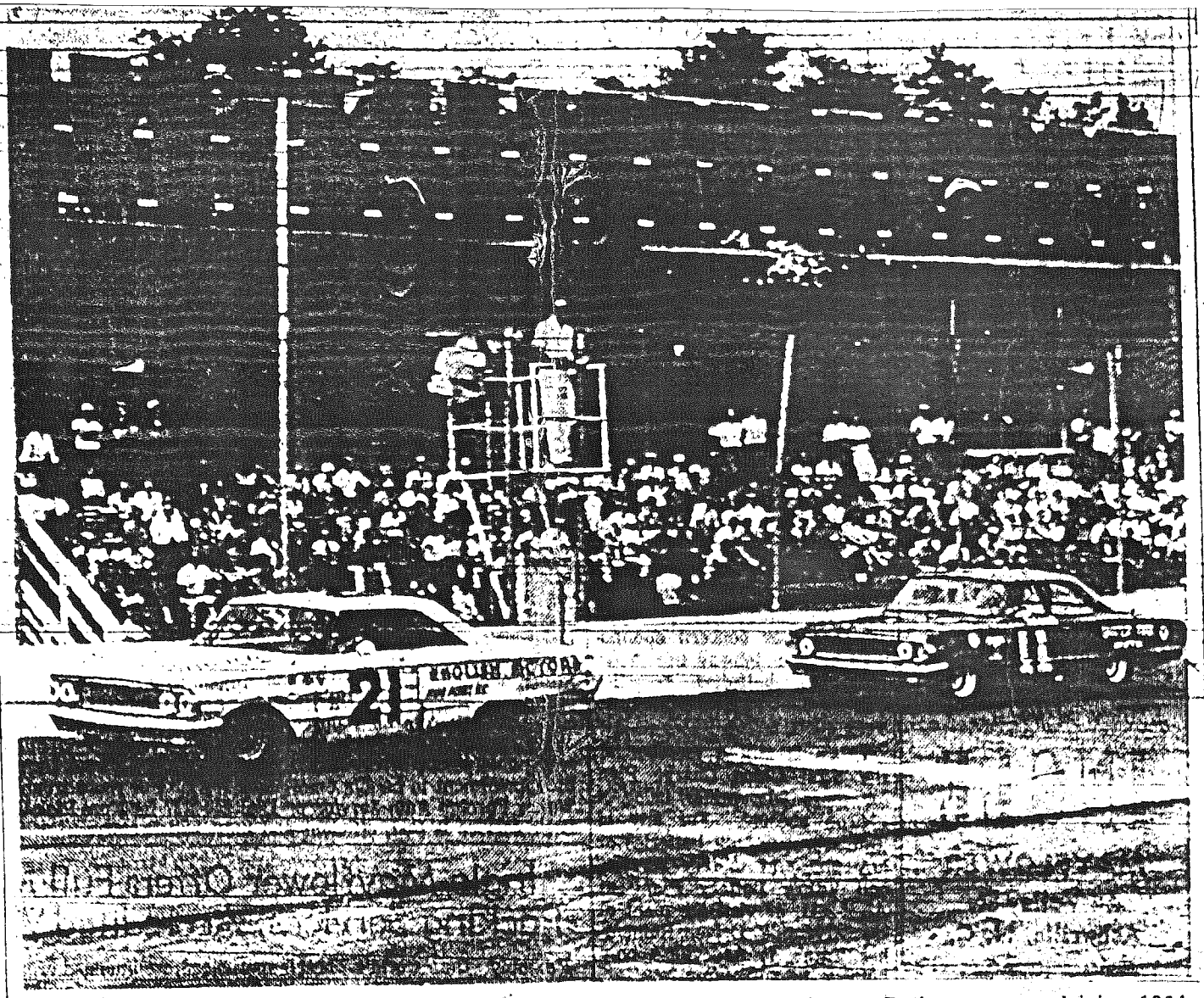

NED JARRETT, driving No. 11, bears down on Marvin Panch on the frontstretch of the New Asheville Speedway Sunday en route to his second straight "Asheville 300" victory. Both men were driving 1964 Fords. Panch finished third behind Jarrett and Richard Petty. (J. P. Brady Photo)

Asheville Citizen June 1, 1964

9th Grade Integration In City Schools Passed

BY BRUCE GOURLAY
Citizen Staff Writer

Aycock School Principal Richard E. Robinson was appointed to the newly created post of director of instruction for Asheville City Schools Tuesday at a meeting of City School Board in City Hall.

The assignment triggered the promotion of Clyde A. Ballard from the principalship of Eugene Rankin School to the Aycock top spot, and of Gilbert H. Lance, assistant principal of David Millard Junior High School, to principal of Rankin School.

The board also passed a resolution extending integration to the ninth grade in city schools.

Robinson, who holds the doctor of education degree from the University of Tennessee, has served as Aycock principal since 1959. He came here from Salisbury where he was principal of John S. Henderson Elementary School for six years.

Ballard was formerly a principal in Anson County schools, served as teacher-coach in Buncombe County schools and taught at David Millard and Lee H. Edwards High School.

Lance, assistant principal at David Millard since 1960, formerly was teacher-athletic director-coach for 10 years in the Buncombe County school unit.

IN FOURTH YEAR

The integration resolution eyes the fourth year of the city's five-year integration timetable and is based on the "attendance area" system. Grade promotion under the plan will be made as follows:

—That all pupils promoted to the seventh grade from Newton and Claxton schools, as well as all students advancing to the eighth grade from Herring, Jones and Randolph schools, shall attend David Millard.

—That all pupils promoted to the seventh grade from Aycock, Rankin and Vance schools, including those going on to the eighth grade from Burton Street School, shall attend Hall Fletcher Junior High School.

—That all pupils promoted to the eighth grade from Livingston Street School shall attend Hill Street School, and that students promoted to the ninth grade from Hill Street School shall attend Stephen-Lee High School.

10-DAY TIME LIMIT

The board set a time limit of 10 days from the close of schools for parents or guardians dissatisfied with the assignment of their children to submit a written appeal for a change of assignment.

In the past three years, the board has integrated grades one through eight. It has announced its intention to integrate grades 10, 11 and 12 during the 1965-66 school year.

The board, in other action:

1. Deeded to the Asheville-Biltmore Technical Institute the 21-acre tract of land on which the institute is located. The land, adjacent to Lee H. Edwards High School on Victoria Road, will revert back to the board at any time in the future when the institute should change its location.

2. Loaned up to 500 chairs to the Asheville Chamber of Commerce for use this summer at the Thomas Wolfe Playhouse.

3. Adopted a policy concerning advertising which demands a careful and critical examination of all applications for a commercial or competitive nature within the schools or upon school-owned premises. It later gave permission for an advertising sign to be placed on Lee Edwards property.

4. Agreed to not let more than 150 out-of-district students attend Lee Edwards High School during the 1964-65 school year. The maximum set for David Millard was 100.

It was anounced that 143 out-of-district students are currently at Lee Edwards and some 80 are attending David Millard.

Mrs. Don R. Printz presided.

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MR. AND MRS. WALTER E. YOW and Kurt and Gwen, of Las Cruces, N. M. are spending ten days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Brown. of 20 Vandalia St., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Yow of 687 Fairview Road. He is an immigration inspector with the U.S. Border Patrol.

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THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILLE, N. C.
Thursday, July 9, 1964

Construction Has Begun On New W. Asheville PO

Construction has been started on the new $85,000 West Asheville Post Office Station at 1312 Patton Ave.

The new station is being constructed by R. E. Coleman, Asheville contractor, for lease to the Post Office Department. It is located in a multi-unit office park being developed by Coleman on the south side of Patton Avenue at Parkwood Road.

Coleman said Wednesday the new post office station will be completed in October. Construction is also under way in the office park on a quick service laundry and dry cleaning building to be leased to the Swannanoa Laundry. Coleman said negotiations are under way for a building to be occupied by an insurance company.

Location of the new post office station on Patton Avenue was protested earlier this year by a committee of West Asheville citizens who held that the site was inconvenient, and that the Post Office Department had promised a location on Haywood Road. Department officials declined to alter the construction plans.

Daylight In The Middle Of The Night

It was shortly after midnight when Times photographer Ewart Ball set up a camera on Balm Grove avenue in West Asheville to get this picture for which vivid strokes of lightning provided all the illumination. The multiple exposure caught a horizontal lightning bolt across the sky area at the top of the picture. The storm began at 8:47 p. m. and lasted until 1:50 a. m. in the Asheville area, shedding .43 inch of rain, the Weather Bureau reported. The lightning did more than light up the sky, however, as it cut off man-made electricity in parts of the area for periods from 20 minutes to over an hour. A bolt hit a transformer at the corner of Haywood road and Hanover street in West Asheville and knocked the power off from about 9 until 11 p. m. Power was also off for about an hour and a half in the Grove Park and Town Mountain section, including lights at Grove Park Inn. There was no power for about the same period in the Candler and Reems Creek areas, the Carolina Power and Light Co. reported. The company said its crews were still busy this morning removing fallen trees and limbs from lines and restoring power to individual, isolated customers. The wind also blew a sheet of plywood from the Northwestern Bank Building under construction on Pack Square, which hit power lines and produced a spectacular display of earthbound lightning for a while.

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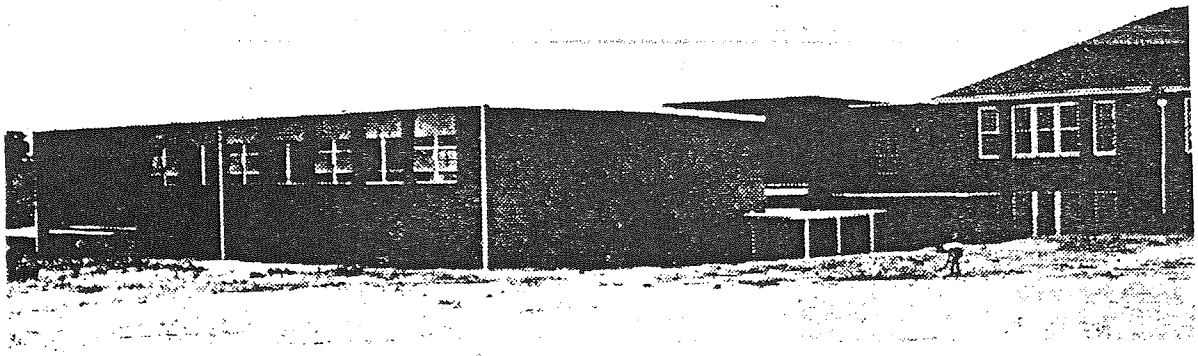
Monday, August 17 1964



Ready For Students

To be used for the first time later this month is the new physical education-auditorium building adjacent to Johnston Elementary School in West Asheville. The facility was built at a cost of $90,000.

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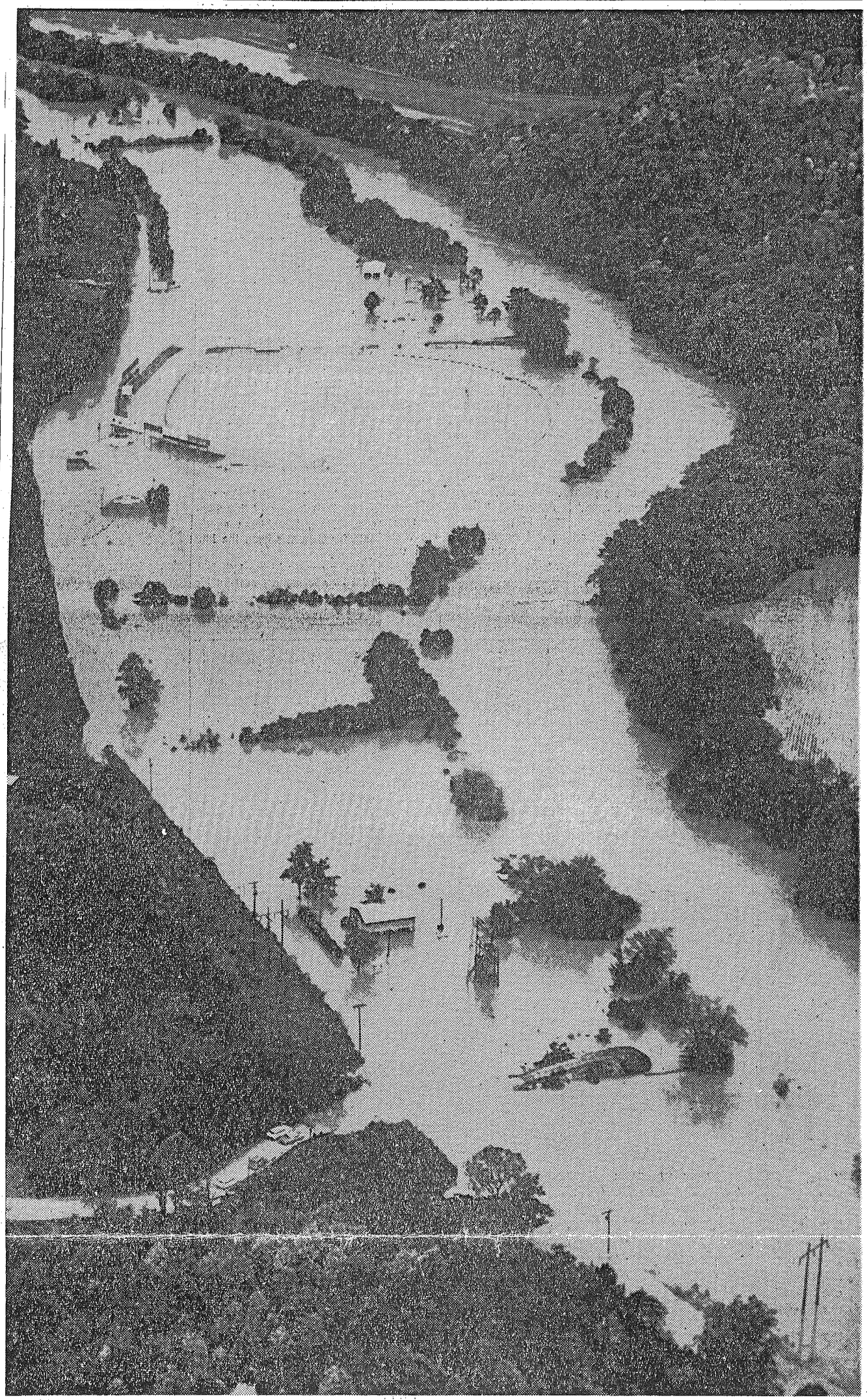
STUFFED SHIRTS—Three West Asheville youths have a trick to play with passing motorists, who from the road below might be inclined to think the stuffed gentlemen above are the real thing. "We just wanted to watch the expressions on the people's faces when they passed by," was the explanation of Stacy Morgan, 13, who along with brother Roger Morgan, 16, and Jimmy Snipes, 13, placed the dummies in the treetops above Trotter place in West Asheville near their homes. To the sports minded passer-by recalling the dismal record compiled last year by the coach of his favorite football team, such a sight might remind him the football season is rapidly approaching. (Times Photo by Malcolm Gamble.)



SURGING WATERS ENGULFED the New Asheville Speedway and completely hid Amboy Road as the French Broad River greedily spread across the lowlands bordering it long before its expected 5 a.m. Tuesday crest. (Staff Photo by Malcolm Gamble, Lt. Col. Earl Freeman, Civil Air Patrol)

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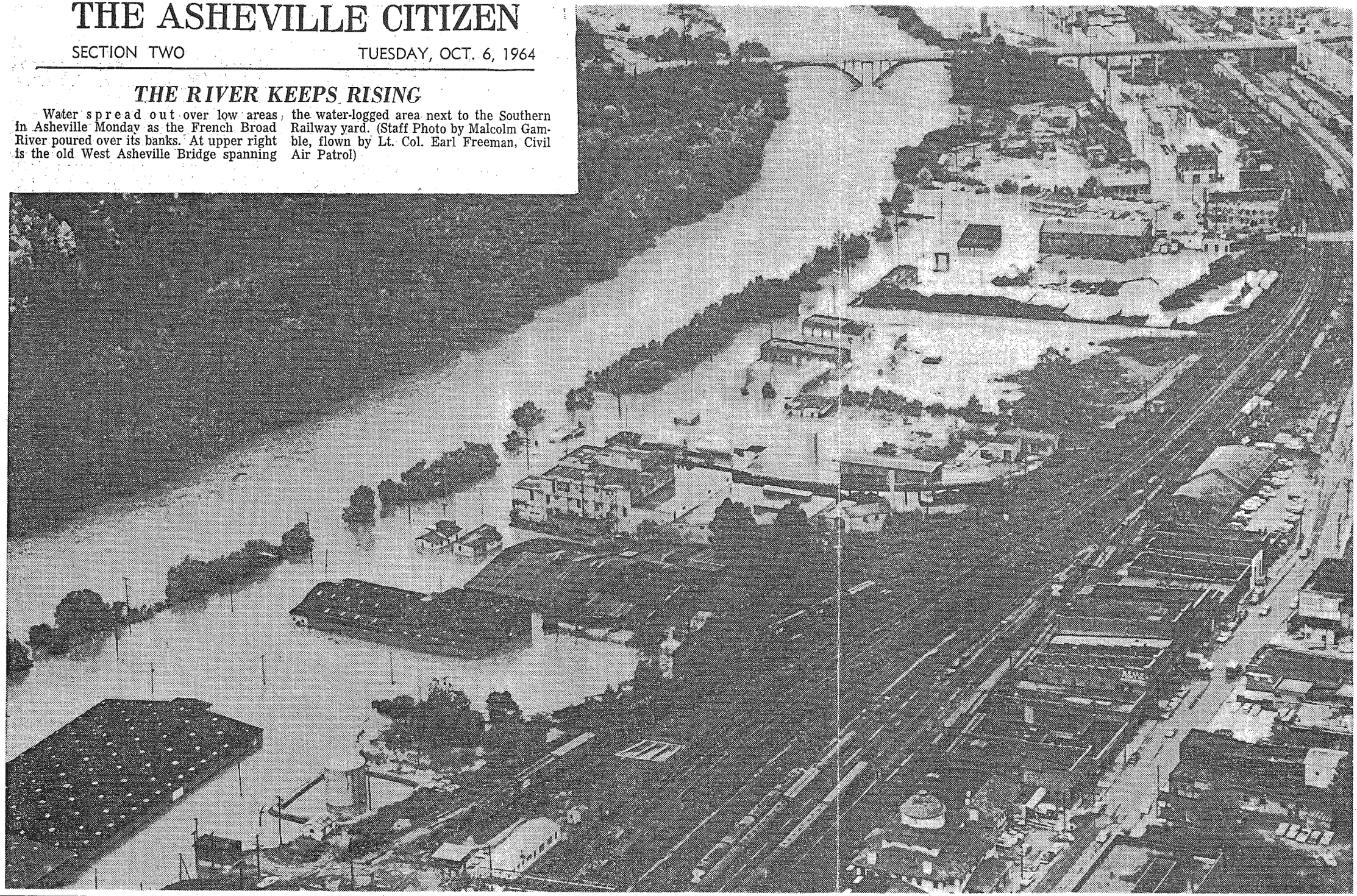
THE RIVER KEEPS RISING

Water spread out over low areas in Asheville Monday as the French Broad River poured over its banks. At upper right is the old West Asheville Bridge spanning the water-logged area next to the Southern Railway yard. (Staff Photo by Malcolm Gamble, flown by Lt. Col. Earl Freeman, Civil Air Patrol)



ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES, Asheville, N. C.
Sunday, November 29, 1964

OPEN FOR BUSINESS Monday morning will be the new West Asheville Post Office, located between Haywood Road and Patton Avenue. The new building is of the latest design for a mail handling facility and contains 4,084 square feet of interior space, with 14,632 square feet of paved parking area for patrons.

The new station was constructed by R. L. Coleman and Co. and is being leased by the Post Office Department. W. J. James is superintendent and P. W. Maupin is assistant superintendent over 20 employes. (Staff Photo)

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DEC 9 1964 **Leaders At Eliada** - CITIZEN

The annual dinner meeting of the board of trustees of Eliada Home Inc. was held Tuesday at the home with members of the advisory board of Faith Cottage. John M. Ehle (seated), beginning his sixth year as chairman of the board, reported on the building fund and expressed hope that new buildings will be in use shortly. Other officers include (L to R): Harmon M. Lee, vice chairman; Edward B. Shoff, treasurer; and Arch D. Cameron, director of the home. Charles A. McClain, secretary, was not present for the picture. Cameron reported on the progress of the school at Eliada Home. (Staff Photo)

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N.C. — Asheville — Eliada home for children 12/20/64

Homeless Children Find A Family At Eliada

By JAY HENSLEY
Citizen-Times Staff Writer

They go in family groups to the dinner table, and it is only by their ages that you can know there is something different.

There are no adults in these families.

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Usually there are between 90 and 100 of the children. They come from broken homes — from every type of family distress situation imaginable.

And they come to Eliada Home for Children here because "family" is what they want most.

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Mixed with the air of expectancy familiar to children throughout the Christian world at this seasonis an anticipation at Eliada that is almost unreal.

It is the magic feeling that tomorrow will really be different, and out the window there is substantial evidence that the dream will not be gone when morning comes.

Actually the dream becomes more real every day as construction of family-type homes for the children nears completion.

The slightly fewer than 90 youngsters now at Eliada are housed in ancient buildings that could do little more to identify themselves as part of an institution if every brick was labeled "orphanage."

Yet the children, ranging in age from three to 18, maintain their identities as families because that is a primary aim of Eliada.

And a family is what every child wants to be a part of.

"This is essential to our purpose — eventual rehabilitation of the family unit," Arch Cameron, director of Eliada, said in explaining the program.

The cottage-type buildings now under construction will replace the old dtormitory buildings, which will be turned ton classrooms.

Each cottage will be home to 16 children, two to a room. In every cottage there will be a small kitchen where the family groups may have breakfast together.

Anticipation

As now, they will continue to go to the central dining room for the evening meal, but there, too, is room for anticipation.

A large new dining room and kitchen is part of the $350,000 construction project, which is expected to be completed early next year.

Cameron has not been immune to the atmosphere of anticipation. In his nine years as director he has seen much improvement, but the new facilities now almost ready for occupancy seem a signal for increased effort to make life worth living for those who come there.

"We're standing at the threshold of new service to this community," Cameron said.

"I feel that now we're just about where we're going to start something. We're at the threshold of greater service," he said.

Besides the cottage-type living quarters, which include facilities for houseparents, there is a new classroom building to help ease the strain of teaching eight grades of school at Eliada.

Emphasis of the total program is spiritual, intellectual, physical and social, Cameron said.

Curriculum

The school curriculum at Eliada is remedial in nature, "but still we work with the average or better than average student," Cameron said.

The average stay of a child at Eliada is three years, but in some instances the home situation is never remedied.

"Some go home, and some of them stay. But some don't stay," Cameron said, explaining Eliada's goal of rehabilitating the family with the children.

Situated on a 387-acre farm in the gently rolling countryside at the edge of Asheville Eliada comprises a home and school and farm.

Surprisingly, farm and vocational chores are popular with most of the boys — and girls often express a sense of satisfaction in working around the farm, Cameron said.

One girl who started cooking breakfast at the home when a staff shortage developed, went to camp last summer in New York state and wound up with a paid job for the trip.

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She cooked for the camp.

"We bought that bulldozer over there in a surplus sale for $450 three years ago, and it has paid for itself many times over," Cameron said indicating a well-kept hunk of machinery resting on steel-bright treads.

Many of the older boys have learned to operate the 'dozer. In addition, Cameron said, some of the youths are used in maintenance jobs on the construction work.

There are 26 persons on the staff at Eliada now, many of them highly-trained specialists in their respective fields of education. There is also a caseworker on the staff now to work between the parents and the children, Cameron said.

A total of 34,142 days of care were provided for 113 children throughout the past year.

The children come predominately from Buncombe, Haywood, McDowell, Transylvania, Madison, Burke, Jackson and Henderson counties.

The caseworker and the prospects of new living quarters have strengthened the expanded Eliada's program in reaching and taking care of the needs of the unwanted child, Cameron told the board of trustees at a recent meeting.

Actually, the family distress situations which bring children Eliada are varied, Cameron said.

Some are from broken homes where the parents may be separated or divorced.

Others are from homes where one or both parents have deserted the family.

And some come from homes where death of one parent has made it too difficult for the surviving parent to carry on alone.

Applications for admission are filed by pastors, parents, friends, welfare and social agencies — and by the courts.

Some of the children who come there suffer serious emotional disturbances. Frequently they have had their educations interrupted.

For this reason Eliada's school is remedial in nature, Cameron said.

"Many of the children need special attention because of their interrupted educations and special emotional problems."

To the casual observer the children seem alert and healthy — and most of them are. School lessons, along with household chores, indoor and outdoor sports and recreation programs, keep them busy.

Some of them are busier than others. "The Eliada Home Ensemble," a popular singing group which makes broadcast and personal appearances regularly and goes on tour each summer, has just cut a record.

"Musical Moments with the Eliada Home Ensemble" is the title of the album.

It should be available shortly in music stores throughout the area, and requests are already coming in from distant states, Cameron said.

Special Qualities

They aren't the first from Eliada to become widely known for special qualities — and they likely won't be the last.

One story is of a boy not identified who grew up at Eliada, enlisted in the Army and was serving in Germany following the Korean War when he went on a picnic one Sunday afternoon along the banks of the Rhine.

The soldier heard a shout from the river for help and dived in to rescue a little girl being swept along by the strong current.

At the moment he placed the child into the hands of other rescuers along the bank he was seized by cramps, swept away in the current and drowned.

"He did not leave much in material way, this boy from Eliada," John M. Ehle, chairman of the home's board of trustees, said in telling the story.

"However, he did have $10,000 government insurance which went to a former housemother at Eliada," he said.

Presumably, the Eliada housemother was all the family the boy ever had.

There are others, living and dead, who contribute meaning to the purpose of Eliada Homes Inc.

Almost anyone who has ever heard of the home knows of one or more outstanding examples who leave there to become more than just "a credit to their community."

"We feel we are a real part of the community, and we want to be a part even more," Cameron said.

"But to do that we need the support of the community," he added.

West Asheville Newspaper Articles

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White Prelude To Spring

Large, wet flakes of snow added a lavish touch to winter beauty to this suburban scene along Cranford road in the Malvern Hills section early this morning. The sneak snowstorm, which also had its ugly side, even caught the weatherman by surprise and made him the object of muttered epithets from motorists who slipped, skidded and spun on the fluffy white blanket coating streets and highways. (Times Photo by Bert Shipman.)

Bruce Emory Research

Mother's Day Has Special Meaning

By JAY HENSLEY
Citizen-Times Staff Writer

The pretty brunette smiled into the mirror and everybody in the room brightened a little bit. The conversation was of Mother's Day.

The brunette is a mother. She smiled into the mirror again.

"Four," she said. "Two sons and two daughters."

She wore her lipstick just right, and when she smiled her eyes sparkled. A bright ornament held her hair, in an upsweep arrangement, at the top of her head.

The interview was pointless as far as the story was concerned. It was all in the poem.

"Tears," she said, "are for happiness." She said that only in the poem, though.

In the interview she talked of

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Ready For Big Day

For a Mother's Day photograph, the mirror was removed from Mrs. Katherine Bryson's iron lung in which she has lived for the past 15 years. The mirror, normally attached to the machine over her head, brings the activity in her room to her view.

Mother's Day Story

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folk songs, baseball and a visitor from South Africa.

Mrs. Katherine P. Bryson spoke also of the thing that happened to her almost 15 years ago which narrowed her existence to the confines of an iron cylinder.

And of the world that she watches—reflected in the mirror mounted above her head on the iron lung in which she lives.

The thing that happened to Mrs. Bryson was paralytic poliomyelitis. She was stricken on Aug. 26, 1950, and before another day was more than a few hours old she became a mother for the fourth time.

"I was sick for three days before I knew it was polio," Mrs. Bryson said. "I was pregnant and about ready for delivery."

But when a physician was consulted he immediately recognized symptoms of something more than the ordeal of impending childbirth. Mrs. Bryson was taken to Asheville Orthopedic Hospital about 6 p. m. and her youngest daughter was born there about 2 a. m. the next day.

Miss Karen Louise Bryson has the distinction of being the only child ever delivered in that hospital.

Immediately after the birth the mother was placed in an iron lung. And until this day she remains in the machine—a giant "lung" which encases her body up to her neck and does her breathing for her.

When the children were young the family made the room in which the iron lung is located at 78 Fairfax Ave. its gathering place.

"For meals, for devotionals and prayers," Mrs. Bryson said. "My oldest daughter is married now, and my oldest son is in college."

But when company comes, the living room is bypassed. Everybody goes to the room with the pretty brunette and the grotesque iron lung.

"I have a great deal of company," Mrs. Bryson said. She doesn't know how the word gets around, but people she has never heard of come to the house to see how she is getting along.

"At least 2,000 persons come each year. They come from as far away as Japan, Germany, Sweden, England and South Africa," she said.

Mrs. Bryson said the average life of an iron lung patient is two years, which would make her of considerable interest to medical people. But most of her visitors are just "people."

The man from South Africa, a representative of the Gideons, left her a handful of carved figures of animals of his native land. And a deer skin—or the skin of a South African relative of that animal.

Paralyzed from the neck down, Mrs. Bryson would be little less immobilized even if she didn't have to depend on the lung for breathing.

Her mother, Mrs. Edna Phillips, is with her always—which is still another story that would be fitting for this occasion. She cares for Mrs. Bryson day and night.

And poetry is not Mrs. Bryson's only interest, although she composes many poems, dictating the lines for the typewriter operated by Mrs. Phillips.

She has written folk songs, and at least one highly entertaining monologue. But her interests range all the way from sports to politics to religion.

One wall of her room is decorated with photographs of baseball teams and other greats of the sports world. The Washington Redskins, the Bombers, Charlie (Choo Choo) Justice, Asheville's Hall of Fame football player, and several members of the New York Yankees.

There are also pictures of national leaders, in politics and military affairs.

The pretty brunette looks at the world in a mirror and puts the reflection in a poem.

But if the world's all wrong there's nothing to gain by crying.

"Tears," she said, "are for happiness."

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Citizen-Times has a rule against use of verse. However, today is Mother's Day, and . . . well, we're breaking it, just this once, for Katherine Bryson's poem, below.)

Tears Are For Happiness

When the sunset of life is near and the sky is red
I turn back the pages of time and count each golden hour
As I recall the faded past, old memories seem so real
Time cannot erase those happy days so long ago
And then I remember tears are for happiness.

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When the springtime of life was here and the sky was blue
Each golden minute seemed an eternity, as the pages from the book of life turned so slowly by.
I'll never forget how I loved to live, have pretty clothes, go to parties, and date the boy next door
And then I remember tears are for happiness.

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When the summertime of life was here and the sky was sometimes gray,
God gave me a heavy cross that I might serve Him best,
To me He gave a loving Mother to help me bear the pain
To me He gave a toiling Father to help me bear the burden
To me He gave two handsome Sons to help me see the way
To me He gave two beautiful Daughters to help me through each day.
O Heavenly Father, I thank Thee for being so richly blessed
And then I remember tears are for happiness.

West Patton, Smoky Bridge Accidents Decline

Traffic accidents on Smoky Park Highway Bridge and West Patton Avenue have dropped 38 per cent since speed limits were reduced May 15 a year ago.

A highway mishaps decline is shown in statistics compiled by Capt. Joe Trulove of the Traffic Division, Asheville Police Department.

A total of 462 traffic accidents have been reported since speed limits were cut from 45 to 35 miles per hour on the bridge and West Patton Avenue.

This reflects a decrease of 283 when compared with a total of 745 highway mishaps reported the previous year, Trulove said.

City Council a year ago reduced the speed limits from Hall Street to the eastern approach to the bridge, across the bridge to Patton Avenue, and on Patton Avenue to the city limits.

Speed limit changes were made by City Council in accordance with recommendations of the State Highway Commission.

SHC engineers had inspected the bridge after a series of accidents, including one fatality, had brought questions of safety factors on the bridge and its approaches.

Trulove said SHC engineers conducted numerous tests on the eastern approaches to the bridge.

These engineers did some repaving and eliminated a small dip in the bridge's eastern approach.

"This was one of several factors that brought about a reduction of accidents during the past year while the reduced speed limits were being enforced," Trulove said.

A selective enforcement program on the bridge was also launched by the Traffic Division of the Asheville Police Department.

"It was shown that the eastern approach was among the spots where such a program was really needed," he continued.

Police Chief A. R. Sluder said that another factor in lowering the roadway mishap toll was the "very active use of radar on the bridge and West Patton Avenue."

Speed limits on the crosstown expressway were also reduced May 15 a year ago from 55 to 45 miles per hour from a point a quarter mile east on Hall Street to Hall Street at the east approach to the bridge.

City Council had suspended charter rules a year ago to adopt the speed limit ordinance on three successive readings in order to permit immediate posting of the new speed limits.

City Manager J. Weldon Weir pointed out a year ago that Patton Avenue west of the bridge is an unlimited access highway with many entrances from business establishments.

Weir said the SHC engineers felt the situation "is just too treacherous for anything but 35 miles per hour."

Trulove said statistics compiled by the Traffic Division revealed that the greatest number of accidents happened on Saturdays between the hours of 5 p. m. and 6 p. m., and most of the drivers were in the age bracket from 25 to thirty-four.

Major causes of accidents were listed by Trulove as failure to yield right-of-way, speeding, following too close, and driving while intoxicated.

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Christian Foundation Stressed In Cottage Dedication At Eliada

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Dr. L. Nelson Bell, retired Presbyterian medical missionary, expressed the need of a sound Christian foundation in every day life, at dedication ceremonies of the Wilma Janet Reuter Cottage at Eliada Home for Children Sunday.

Speaking before a crowd of approximately 300 persons, Dr. Bell said the world is a small and confused place. He said the confusion is a result of so many people not having a proper foundation.

"The one foundation that really counts is a Christian foundation, and a Christian foundation produces Christian character," he said.

Directing his talk mostly to the 92 children of the home, Dr. Bell urged them to endure the hardships of the world. "Set your face like a flint, know Jesus Christ and obey Him all your life."

"It doesn't take character to drift," Dr. Bell said, "but it does take Christian character to take a stand."

Dr. Bell said he was pleased that "at this home Christian men and women are teaching boys and girls to be Christian men and women."

Following the talk by Dr. Bell, John M. Ehle, chairman of the board of trustees of Eliada Home, introduced all trustees and the honorary chairman of the board, Ottis L. Green.

Dr. L. G. Gebb dedicated the new building, which will house junior-aged girls. Mr. and Mrs. Irving Reuter unveiled the plaque.

Children and employes of the home also were recognized.

Arch Cameron, director of the home, said he was delighted with the turnout and prospects of using the new building. "I'm very thrilled at the support the community has given this project," he said.

Two other buildings, the Robert R. Reynolds cottage and the James H. Cummings cottage, will be dedicated at a later date. Both buildings are now in use.

Tours of the new chapel, gymnasium and cottages were conducted by the children.

The overall project cost $350,000 and all but approximatley $15,000 has been paid through pledges and donations.

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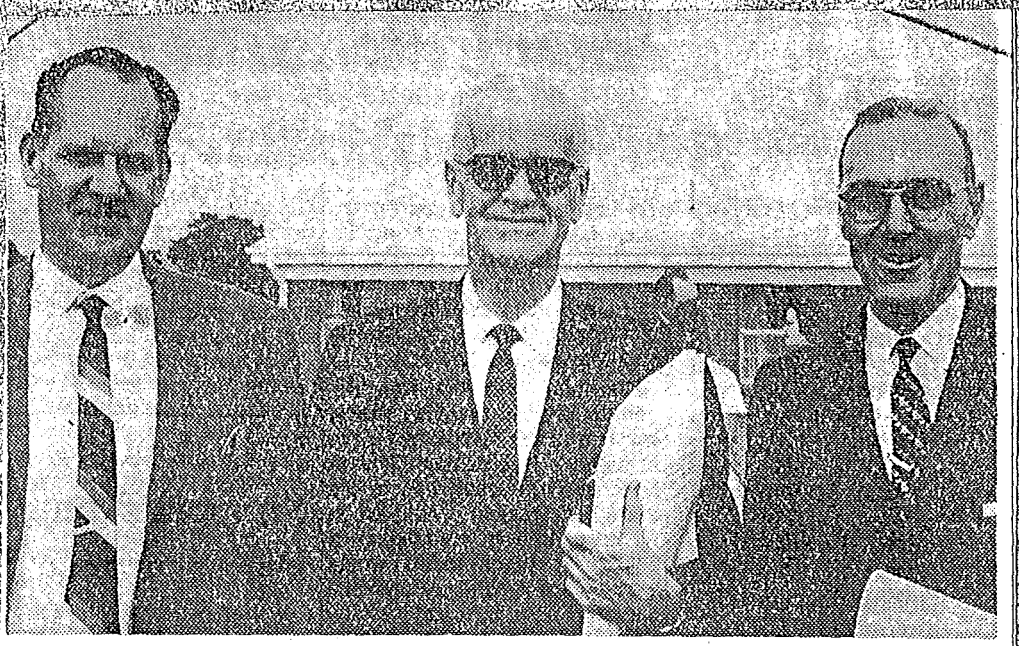

PRESENT AT DEDICATION ceremonies Sunday for a new cottage at Eliada Home For Children were (L-R), John M. Ehle, chairman of the board of trustees; Dr. L. Nelson Bell, principal speaker, and Dr. L. G. Gebb, who dedicated the building.

'Viet Nam War' Comes To Asheville

Ever since the Tribal Warrior came home from forays against another tribe, boys have looked with worshipful eyes on the soldier, because his life is one filled with adventure. And boys have, in their imaginations, with various toys, created their own battle scenes, using lead or tin soldiers, vehicles, and men. Some youngsters, with considerable imagination and modern toys, like Alan Keener 10½ (left), and Mike Green, 11, create their own elaborate battlefields. Mike and Alan, in Mike's yard at 91 Cranford Rd., set up a battle situation in "Viet Nam," and Mike, piloting a whirlybird, sideslipped to avoid a rocket launched from the ground by Alan. The Rocket, in flight, can be seen as a dark streak just above the chopper. (Staff Photo by Malcolm Gamble)

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Junior Johnson Wins 300 Race

Never before had Junior Johnson come to the New Asheville Speedway with a race car capable of matching his great talent as a driver but Saturday night the Ronda speed merchant wound up his 1965 Ford, lapped the field inside of 100 laps and went on to win the Asheville 300 Grand National race by almost three laps.

10,000 Ladies Night fans packed every seat, nook and cranny of the speedway to witness the Johnson speed show and Junior really put it on turning the tight, tricky one-third mile track at speeds up to 70 mph.

Defending champion Ned Jarrett of Camden, S. C., ran second in a '65 Ford; Dick Dixon of Warehouse Point, Conn., drove a '63 Ford, bearing Joe Weatherly's old No. 8 to third place.

J. T. Putney of Arden was fourth in a '65 Chevrolet.

Neil Castles of Charlotte was 5th in a '65 Oldsmobile although he blew a tire and flipped end over end on the back side of the last lap.

This race was rained out Friday night and 3,000 additional fans turned out for the Saturday night running.

The Grand National brigade moved on to the quarter-mile Harris Speedway in Rutherford County for a 100-mile race Sunday.

Junior set a terrific pace from the start of the race. He lapped the fifth place car on the 20th lap, the 4th place car on the 30th lap and only Jarrett and Dick Hutcherson were running in the same lap with him at that point.

He passed Hutcherson on the 61st lap and then blew by Jarrett on the 92nd, completing his lapping of the field.

Both Hutcherson and Ford driver Tom Pistone, who were two of the fastest cars dropped out of the race with mechanical trouble while running in the top five.

Tom Ingram won the Sportsman's race.

Details will be in Monday's Citizen.

N.C. - Asheville - Eliada home for children 9-25-65

DEDICATION CEREMONIES for the first and second grade classrooms were held Friday at Eliada Home for Children. The classroom building, in background, was dedicated in memory of the late Miss Della Rae Conelly of St. Petersburg, Fla., who willed a substantial gift to the home. Taking part in the dedication were (L to R): John M. Ehle, chairman of Eliada's board of trustees; Mrs. Lucy K. Davis of St. Petersburg; her brother, Claude M. Kilpatrick of Greenville, S.C., and the Rev. Nathan Penland. Mr. Penland delivered the dedication address. Mrs. Davis and Kilpatrick were friends of the late Miss Conelly. The group toured the new buildings in the $343,000 construction at the home and had lunch in the cafeteria with the children. (Staff Photo by Ewart Ball)

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The Asheville (N. C.) Times, Friday, Oct. 15, 1965

Sealtest Sets Its Opening

Sealtest Foods will open the Southeast's most modern dairy plant to the public in Asheville Saturday at 12:30 p. m. The facility is located at 220 Deaverview Road, a site that was originally selected within the city limits in order to be an integral part of Asheville and to help support the city through the payment of city taxes.

Preceding the public opening, many civic leaders were to tour the new operations Friday with Sealtest Foods officials serving as hosts and guides. The group later was to attend a dinner at the Country Club of Asheville.

Host and master of ceremonies at the banquet is Sealtest zone manager for the Asheville Area, H. G. Strom. Speaker for the evening is Dr. C. R. Roberts of New York City, president of Sealtest Foods. Other company officials included John Edwards, also from New York, vice president, and Southern Division General Manager J. O. Bowen of Charlotte.

Regional and Asheville dignitaries included Mayor Earl W. Eller, City Manager Weldon Weir; President of the Chamber of Commerce Robert Hunter; H. W. McCullough of Colonial Stores, Columbia, S. C., division vice president; Ben Hund of Charlotte, of Handy Pantry Stores; Alex George, Miss Josephine George, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bovender, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Greir and Mr. and Mrs. McClendon, Merchants Distributors Inc., Hickory.

In his remarks prepared for the prominent citizens of Asheville and surrounding areas, Dr. Roberts expressed his confidence in the future of Western North and South Carolina which the plant was designed to serve. He stated that the new plant of considerable investment was evidence of Sealtest faith in the area's growth and development.

He stressed the fact that Sealtest people were vitally interested in the civic affairs and the betterment of the community both socially and economically. Proof of this, it was noted, is that Manager Strom is a past president of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, Asheville Merchant's Association, Asheville Sales and Marketing Executives Club, and served for 11 years as a member of the North Carolina Milk Commission.

Dr. Roberts related interesting facts regarding the financial growth of Sealtest sales in the Asheville market which included the growth and potential.

The new plant incorporates the most modern innovations in processing equipment design. The economic impact of the new facility will continue to contribute to the growth of Asheville and surrounding areas which includes North Carolina dairy farm producers.

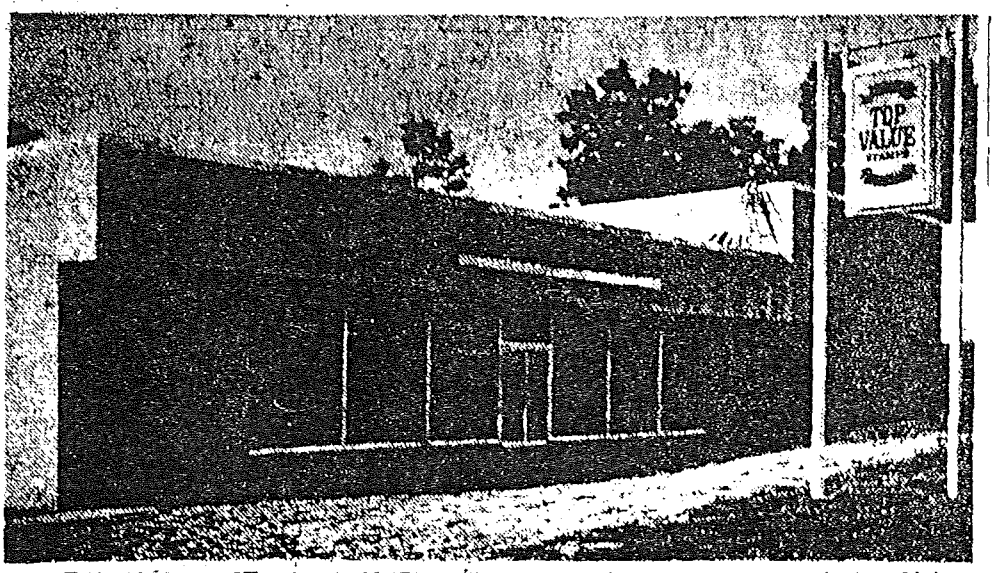
The Asheville installation is one of 14 Sealtest operations in the state which employ a total of more than 800 Tar Heel citizens. Dairying ranks fourth in North Carolina's agricultural income which amounted to over seventy million dollars in income for our farmers last year.

Sealtest Foods is the largest dairy concern within the state. Nearly 900 independent North Carolina milk producers sold some 38 1-2 million gallons of high quality milk to Sealtest. Out-of-state shipments to other Sealtest markets enhanced the income of North Carolina farmers.

"A critical anaylsis of Asheville's potential prompts Sealtest people to be more optimistic and work toward continued expansion of the dairy industry in Western North Carolina. Public acceptance of our product has and will continue to inspire Sealtest employes to maintain the best possible dairy products for Asheville citizens," a Sealtest spokesman said.

Bruce Emory
Research

Monday, Oct. 18, 1965



TOP VALUE STAMP CENTER—The new redemption center of Top Value trading stamps at 1328 Patton Ave. is now open. The center will be open from 10 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Monday through Saturdays, except Wednesday when it will be closed all day.

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Eliada Payment OK'd By County

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A payment of $10,000 to the Elida Home for Children was authorized Monday morning by the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners at a meeting in the Courthouse.

An act of the 1965 General Assembly empowered the board to provide financial support to the home.

In other business, a question was raised as to the constitutionality of the operation of the Skyland Volunteer Fire Department.

Col. P. Morton Keary of Royal Pines, an area served by the department, told the commissioners that the department is a private corporation to which tax funds are disbursed. He contended that area residents who pay the eight-cent per $100 valuation levy for fire protection do not have a voice in the operation of the department.

"It is my opinion," he declared, "that it is unconstitutional to collect and disburse taxpayers' money without the taxpayers having a representing word in these matters."

Col. Keary proposed that the title to all fire department property be transferred to the commissioners as trustees of the Skyland Fire District, and that the commissioners appoint a three-member committee composed of area taxpayers to operate the department.

He also said the committeemen should not be members of the department or related to a member.

The commissioners turned the proposal over to County Attorney Tom Garrison Jr. for study.

In other developments, Howard Pike and Glen Roberts of the Red Oak section asked the commissioners cooperation in an effort to obtain adult drivers for county school buses.

A bus accident near Red Oak School Sept. 30 claimed the life of a 13-year-old girl and injured all 40 other students on theh bus.

The school PTA Friday night adopted a resolution asking the County Board of Education to contact the commissioners for financial and other assistance in obtaining adult drivers.

NORTH CAROLINA ROOM
Pack Memorial Public Library

New Postal Center Due To Open Monday

The new Asheville Postal Sectional Center, constructed at a cost of $210,000 is about ready to go into business and probably will open its doors Monday.

One of 566 such centers in the nation, the center will mean faster service of mail at less cost, Asheville Postmaster Mark Sumner Sr. said here Saturday.

Occupying 20,150 square feet of a modern, air conditioned structure which also houses the West Asheville Post Office Branch, the center will not be used by Asheville patrons, but they will feel its effect. The center is located at 1300 Patton Ave.

"The main Post Office downtown will continue to maintain the complete services now being given to the patrons of Asheville," Sumner said. Administrative offices including the office of the postmaster will remain in their present location.

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But opening of the center will clear congestion from both inside and at the loading docks of the main station.

The center operation will serve 85 associate offices surrounding Asheville in the area bounded by Marion, Spruce Pine, Bakersville, Hot Springs, Robbinsville, Highlands, Lake Toxaway, Tryon, Mill Spring and Lake Lure.

Under the Sectional Center plan of operation, mail for delivery at the 85 associate offices from throughout the country comes into the Asheville Center and is reworked for early morning dispatch to these offices by star routes.

Also, mail from all associate offices is transported to the center and worked out for dispatch throughout the United States.

Sumner said that, under this plan, there is next - day delivery for the entire state of North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia.

He cited an example of the special transportation plan where Centers at Wilmington and Elizabeth City in eastern North Carolina would send Highway Post Office trucks toward Greensboro in the early evening, connecting with one westbound truck at Greensboro and arriving at the Asheville Center at 5:30 a. m. Eastbound, a Highway Post Office truck would leave here at 7:30 p. m., meet the Elizabeth City and Wilmington trucks in Greensboro and Asheville mail would be in the ENC centers early in the morning.

Farther afield, under the old system, he noted that California would work up and then route North Carolina mail to an intermediate Post Office, say Cincinnati, where the mail would again be reworked and the Asheville area's share routed this way for a final work up. It was a three - stop operation.

Under the Sectional Center plan, a California center would route all of the Asheville center's mail directly here for distribution to the 85 associate offices.

The Sectional Center plan began operation July 1 and since mid - July, the main Asheville Post Office has been handling each week approximately the same amount of mail they normally handle during a Christmas week. Total mail handled for October was 7.4 million pieces and, with the normal Christmas period increase, it is anticipated by Sumner that the amount will go over 10 million pieces for December.

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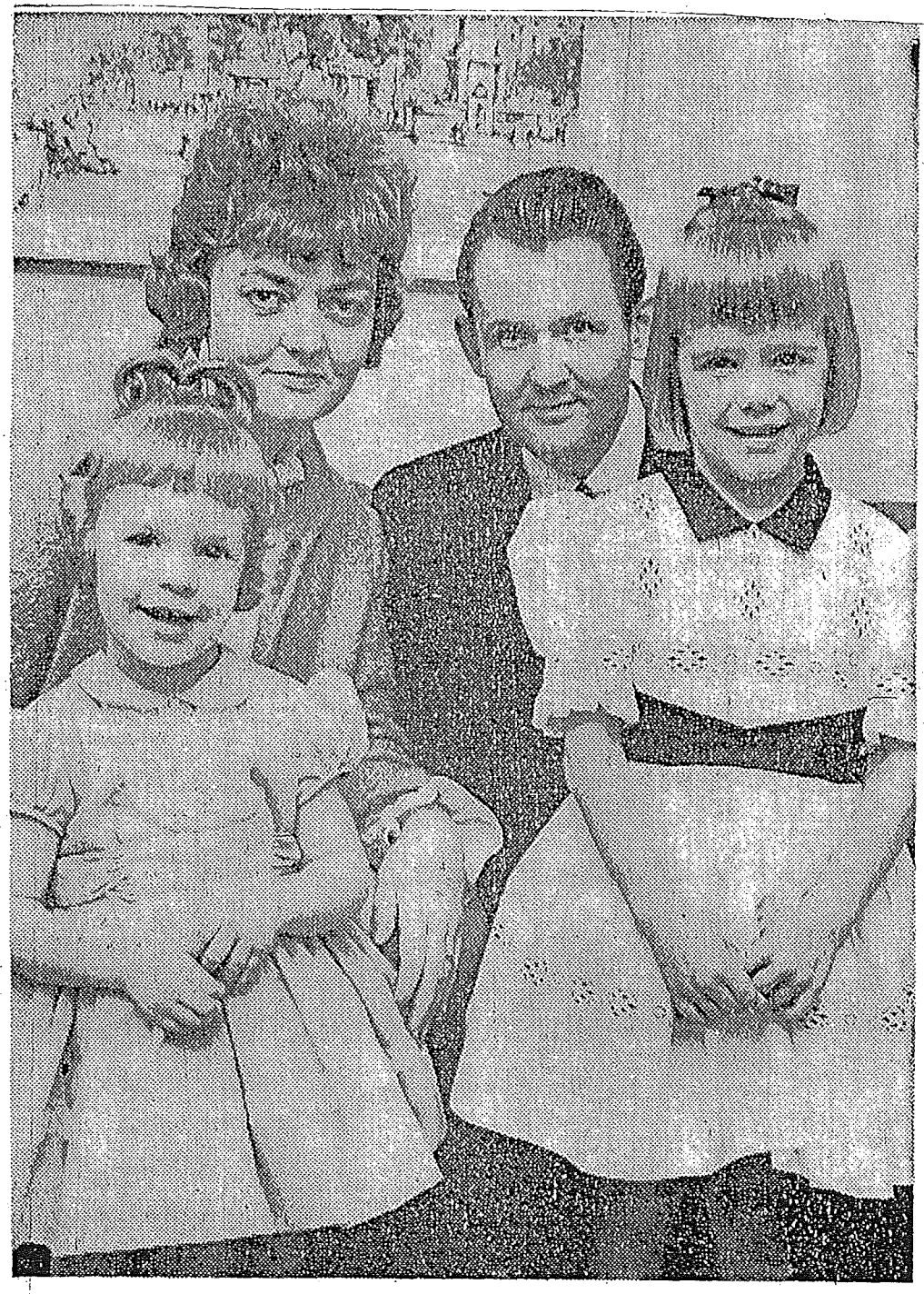
Gifts And Farewells

The congregation of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church honored Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Thomas at a reception Sunday in the church fellowship hall. Dr. Thomas recently resigned as pastor of the church to accept the position of executive secretary of the Asheville Presbytery. Gifts were presented to (L-R) Dr. and Mrs. Thomas by Mrs. R. M. Felkel of the reception committee and J. T. Mastin, clerk of the Session.



New Residents

The Rev. and Mrs. Jefferson Thomas Kesterson and their two daughters, Mari Lynn, 5, and Kimberly Ann, 3, are now residing at 15 Winnfred St. after coming here from Chattanooga, Tenn. The Rev. Mr. Kesterson, who was pastor of the East Ridge Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga, is the new pastor of West Asheville Presbyterian Church, where he will conduct his first service as pastor on Sunday. (Staff Photo by June Glenn Jr.)

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Couple Honored

The Rev. and Mrs. Jefferson T. Kesterson were honored at a reception given by the women of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon. Mr. Kesterson is the new pastor at the church. The Kestersons moved here from Chattanooga, Tenn. and are living at 96 Wendover Rd. in West Asheville. (Staff Photo)

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19,430 Endorse New Site For Aston Park Hospital

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A West Asheville location for a new Aston Park Hospital has been endorsed by 19,430 persons.

That's the official count in Aston Park Hospital's "Signature Drive" launched in February.

Signers of the petitions want the hospital located on a site formerly known as Rhododendron Park on Brevard Road.

The signatures have been delivered to Charles Waddell, chairman of the Buncombe County Planning Council, along with a letter from Cecil Murray, president of the hospital's board of trustees.

Deadline for closing the signature drive had been set for March 31 with a goal of 10,000 names, but "response was so good that we decided to continue through April at the request of many of the workers," hospital officials said.

The declaration bearing the 19,430 signatures is as follows:

"We, the undersigned, believing that this community will need three general hospitals more than ever once Medicare is in effect, and believing that a West Asheville location will best serve the public interest, are in favor of a new Aston Park Hospital to be built as soon as possible upon the site now known as Rhododendron Park."

This area's future hospital needs are now being surveyed under the direction of Dr. Robert Cadmus, chairman of the Department of Hospital Administration, University School of Medicine at Chapel Hill.

The North Carolina Medical Care Commission has stated that no further federal funds could be approved for any general hospital in Buncombe County without the survey.

The study was requested by the Buncombe County Planning Council, and the survey team has said its work will be completed and a recommendation made to the council by the last of June.

"We know the survey team now at work at the request of the Buncombe County Planning Council must base its recommendations on many criteria other than the wishes of 19,430 people of the area," Murray said in his letter to Waddell.

"However, we feel that grass roots support for a proposition that will require the raising of a lot of money in a community s important.

"It is, also, a fact which is not as easy for a visiting survey team to ascertain as are the other data being gathered," Murray said.

"For this reason we are sending the parcel of signatures to you so that the survey team may see them," Murray told the Planning Council chairman.

A copy of the letter was sent to Dr. Cadmus.

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—Photo by Malcolm Gamble

MRS. PHILLIPS MRS. BRYSON

Mother's Love Goes Second Mile

By MARY LACY BYRD

The highest type of Motherhood is exemplified in the life of Mrs. Edna Walsh Phillips of 78 Fairfax Avenue.

Born and reared in West Asheville, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Walsh, she attended Asheville Normal and graduated from Haywood Institute at Clyde. She went into the teaching profession and served as a school principal and later taught second grade at Johnson School.

Mrs. Phillips was the typical mother of a growing family with varied interest until tragedy struck full-force in August 1950. The oldest daughter, Katherine P. Bryson, the mother of three children and another baby expected momentarily, was stricken with polio.

After every known treatment had been tried at the Orthopedic Hospital, it was known that life for Katherine from now on would be that of an iron-lung patient. The home at 78 Fairfax Avenue that had been built for her by her father, was remadeled and equipped to provide care for her and Mrs. Phillips assumed the responsibility of constant care.

After 16 years as mother-nurse - companion with strong family ties of the Walsh family background undergirding her, and the spiritual strength that has come to both mother and daughter, Mrs. Phillips has no regrets. She has been able to maintain a home, be a mother to Katherine and Ellis Anne, now Mrs. Charles Starnes of Arden, and to enjoy being a grandmother to five.

Reading had always been a favorite pastime for Mrs. Phillips and now she has been able to enjoy sharing that with Katherine. They both enjoy reading the Bible daily. Mrs. Phillips' favorite passage is Romans 8-35-39. She also enjoys keeping Katherine's correspondence up-to-date and that means letters and cards to all parts of the world.

Friends are always welcome at the Phillips' home and several thousands annually visit with these two women and leave feeling much better than when they arrived. As members of the Grace Baptist Church, the church fellowship is shared in the home.

The one outside activity that Mrs. Phillips has clung to, is that of a Birthday Club which was organized 25 years ago by a small group of women as a Breakfast Club and later changed. They always manage to have a dinner meeting on members' birthdays, and this has helped through the years. Telephoning has also helped to keep contacts with friends and to brighten the days.

Mrs. Phillips says she has done nothing more than any other mother would have done under like circumstances but she has gone the second mile in service and love with her inspiring attitude.

SHC Will Close 2 Streets In West Asheville

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Two old familiar West Asheville streets have outlived their usefulness. Soon they will be gone.

Paul Robinson, resident engineer for the North Carolina State Highway Commission, has announced plans for permanently closing Stewart Street and New Jersey Avenue within the next week and one-half to make way for the West Asheville - Weaverville conector to the interchange of I-26 and I-40.

Robinson said Stewart Street will be closed Tuesday and New Jersey Avenue's closing will follow in about a week.

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Park To Be Sold At Auction Here

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The city-owned, 68-acre Rhododendron Park will be sold at auction at the Buncombe County courthouse door at noon March 15, City Council decided Thursday.

Trustees of Aston Park Hospital have already served notice they will bid $100,000 for the RA-6 residential tract as future home of their new and relocated hospital.

As council okayed the date for the auction, City Manager J. Weldon Weir reported the possibility of joint city-county development of more than 100 acres near the County Home for park purposes.

Weir said "a substantial recreation program" could be developed there as a replacement for the park land embodied by Rhododendron Park. Council acted to sell the latter after a long-range study of Asheville hospital needs recommended relocation of cramped Aston Park Hospital on the West Asheville site and erection of a new 155-bed facility there by 1975.

The hospital study was compiled by the University of North Carolina's Department of Hospital Administration on behalf of the Buncombe County Planning Council.

Weir told council he had discussed the joint city-county recreation development with Coke Candler, chairman of the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners.

Weir said Candler had expressed "interest" in the project.

The land that would be developed, Weir said, consists of 84 acres comprising a watershed area of the County Home property. Weir said there is also about 20 additional acres on both sides of the Leicester highway near the home that could be considered for inclusion in the new recreation area.

Weir suggested that the project could be financed with the $100,000 the city will get from Aston Park Hospital for Rhododendron Park (assuming the hospital is high bidder), plus federal funds.

The County Board of Commissioners appointed a seven-member committee Jan .18 to study the question of leasing the County Home to a private firm or individual. Apparently this would not affect any city-county development of adjacent real estate.

Meanwhile, council passed a resolution setting up machinery and public advertisement of the March 15 auction of Rhododendron Park. Weir said that once all bids are in, council has the right to reject any and all of them if it chooses.

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Park Site Is Sold To Hospital

3/31/67

By LAURENS IRBY
Citizen Staff Writer

City Council made good an 18-month old pledge Thursday and voted to sell 68-acre Rhododendron Park in West Asheville to Aston Park Hospital on a bid of $100,000.

The tract includes some 47 acres of general property plus a little over 21 acres which has been the scene of part of the city's sanitary fill operation (garbage disposal).

Councilman William F. Algary raised a question of where the city would deposit refuse when the tract is sold. He suggested that some agreement should be worked out with Aston Park Hospital authorities so the city could continue to use the sanitary fill at least two more years.

Mayor Earl W. Eller promised to look into the matter.

After the meeting, L. D. Duval, administrator of Aston Park Hospital who attended the session, told a reporter he could see no objection to the city's continued use of the land fill area for another two years.

Duval said the land fill sector was removed from the area where Aston Park would want to construct its new hospital anyway.

The council adopted a resolution authorizing Mayor Eller and City Clerk Margaret Simmons to execute instruments conveying Rhododendron Park to Aston Park Hospital for $100,000.

The hospital has already made a $5,000 deposit which was entered March 15 when the park went on the auction block at the county courthouse door. Aston Park Hospital was the only bidder at that time and during a subsequent 10-day waiting period required by law.

Thursday's transaction was the climax of a promise City Council made Sept. 9, 1965.

At that time council approved a statement of intent which said that "the highest and best use" for Rhododendron Park would be to make it available to Aston Park Hospital provided a long-range hospital study supports the need of a new West Asheville hospital.

The study, released in mid-December, recommended relocating 54-bed Aston Park Hospital from its present cramped site at 289 Hilliard Ave. to Rhododendron Park.

Council's resolution termed the $100,000 bid as a "fair and reasonable" price.

The tract is zoned for RA-66 residential use.

The council's statement of intent of 1965 said that the $100,000 sale price would be "held in escrow for the future development of an adequate park system to serve the area west of the French Broad River."

There was no mention of application of the funds to the park system at Thursday's official council meeting. However, City Manager J. Weldon Wier proposed at an earlier meeting that the funds could be used to develop a park area on county-owned land at the county home west of Asheville.

Nothing further has developed on the proposal.

But individual members of council have repeated their intent of using $100,000 for park purposes.

Duval, asked about Aston Park's building plans, was uncertain as to the timing of start of construction.

Duval made a statement March 15 to the effect that the hospital trustees would wait to hire an architect for their new hospital until after the Buncombe County Planning Council released its recommended priorities for the metropolitan area's future hospital needs.

Aston Park officials recently offered a proposal to a planning council subcommittee which suggested that Aston Park build a 100-bed general hospital plus a 100-bed nursing home on the site of Rhododendron Park.

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Aycock School Is Named For Education Governor

(Second in a Series of Articles)

By JOAN LOIS LOCKHART

In April 1900, Charles B. Aycock, the 42-year-old ex-school teacher and lawyer from Fremont, was nominated by acclamation as the Democratic candidate for Governor of North Carolina at the state convention in Raleigh.

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Aycock dedicated his platform to the cause of public education in this state and called for a minimum school term of four months, universal popular education, and the development of public schools for white and Negroes.

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His Populist opponent, Cyrus Thompson, withdrew and Aycock campaigned against the Republican, Spencer B. Adams. When the returns came in, Aycock and public education defeated Adams by a vote of 186,650 to 126,296.

In his inaugural address, Governor Aycock pledged himself to the four years of service which were to earn him the title of the "Educational Governor." Aycock said, "I pledge the state, its strength its heart, its wealth, to universal education. I promise the illiterate poor man that life shall be brighter for his boy and girl."

In order to implement this pledge, Aycock canvassed the state and discovered a situation in which only 30 districts levied a school tax, the average county superintendent was paid less than one dollar a day, and public school teachers received an average salary of $91.25 per term. There were no professional teachers in the public schools, practically no interest in building or equipping schools, and the children of more than 950 school districts were without schoolhouses.

In order to arouse public opinion Governor Aycock called an educational conference which issued "A Declaration Against Illiteracy." He called upon all North Carolinians to promote free public schools, open to all and supported by the taxes of all its citizens.

Since Aycock's victory was accompanied by a Democratic Party landslide in the North Carolina General Assembly, that legislative body responded to his wishes by passing a new progressive school law in 1901.

In 1903, Governor Aycock formed the Central Campaign Committee for the Promotion of Public Education in North Carolina, and he sent religious, professional and political speakers to address hundreds of educational rallies throughout the state. As a result of the dedicated endeavors of Charles B. Aycock, school tax districts were increased from 56 to 18,676 new schools were constructed and an educational revolution was launched!

Today, Aycock Elementary School endures as a monument to a man who died in 1911—a man who possessed the training of a scholar and the heart of a reformer.

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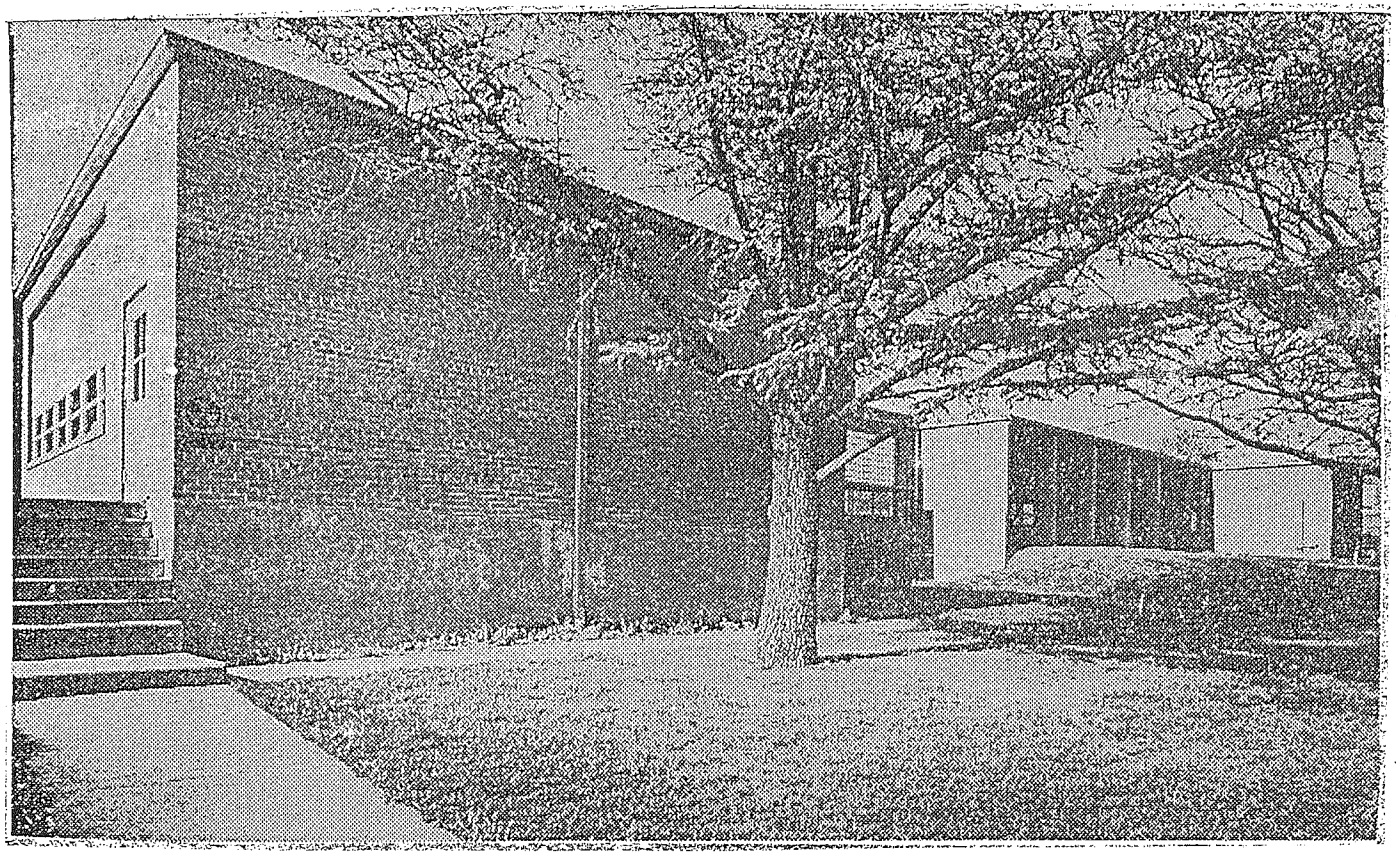

Haywood Road Postal Unit Opens

The Haywood Road Contract Station of the Asheville Post Office opened today on the main floor of Fortune's Paint and Hardware Company at 727 Haywood R

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Office hours will be same as in other Post Office branches of the city, 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. on week days and 8:30 a. m. to noon on Saturdays. All regular postal services with the exception of lock boxes will be offered, and it is anticipated that lock boxes will be added if the demand develops.

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A petition for the station was made by merchants of the West Asheville area.

Under terms of an annual contract, L. A. Fortune will be official clerk in charge and will provide the staff for the station. Mrs. Marie Farley will be clerk and other employes will assist with the operation.

Drive-In Church Opens 7th Season Here Sunday

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The seventh season of Asheville Drive - In Church, which presents interdenominational services at Westgate Shopping Center parking lot, will begin at 8:30 a.m. Sunday.

Attendance last year averaged 1,000 each Sunday, according to Rev. Robert E. Harris, founder of this church. Services are given each Sunday from May through October.

Mayor Earl W .Eller will open the services Sunday with a welcoming speech. Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Holland will sing, accompanied by Miss Inez Hipps, organist.

Rev. Nathan Penland, minister at Christian and Mission Alliance Church will give the International Sunday School lesson. Rev. John R. Collins of New Morgan Hill Baptist Church in Enka will give the invocation. Benediction will be pronounced by James Clouse, production manager of Cranston Print Works.

Each Sunday the morning message will be given by the Rev. Mr. Harris.

Attendance at the services has more than doubled, through the years. Many residents are regular attenders.

Shut-ins and people from rest homes come. Brooks - Howell Home, where retired Methodist missionaries live, sends a station wagon full each Sunday.

The services are well - timed for people who work on Sunday. The audience often includes railroad workers going home from work, and filling station operators on their way to work.

REV. ROBERT HARRIS

Tourists come, of course, and some regular church attenders who plan to be elsewhere at the time of their own services.

Last year a unique occurence brought one more person to the services.

A woman walked out on Smoky Park bridge, seeking a place to jump off.

Ushers called police, but before officers arrived the woman walked back off the bridge to the services. She came to the platform and told her story. As she walked to her sought - for death, she listened to the Sunday School lesson being broadcast over the loudspeaker. She decided to give herself a chance with these people.

She received spiritual counseling and has been all right since.

Often, the Rev. Mr. Harris said, curiosity makes passers-by stop to see what the crowd is doing. Afterwards, they get out of their cars and tell him how much they enjoyed it.

Three years ago, an office was opened for spiritual consultation in connection with the Drive - In Church at the Westgate center. It is open every weekday, at regular hours, to anyone, as a public service, without charge.

This also has been very popular. The Rev. Mr. Harris declared that Catholics, Jews, and Protestants, some regular members of other churches who prefer to discuss their problems outside their own groups, and even ministers, have come here for spiritual help. Courts and lawyers have recommended people to come. Alcoholics seek spiritual consel there.

Out of this counseling has grown a clothes bank for people who need them. Once last year a trash truck found a family living in an abandoned automobile. They were without funds for the first two weeks of the migrant father's job. These people were clothed and put on their feet by the Rev. Dr. Harris's Drive - In Church group.

Six years ago, the Rev. Mr. Harris introduced the "Dial A Prayer" service, here.

In the Sunday services, different local ministers and laymen are used each week.

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The Asheville (N. C.) Times, Monday, May 8, 1967

Rankin School Is Named For Three-Time Mayor

By Joan Lois Lockhart

James Eugene Rankin, for whom Eugene Rankin Elementary School is named, was one of the founding members of Asheville's first City School Board.

Partly as a result of the respect he gained through his devotion to the cause of education Mr. Rankin was honored by the people of Buncombe County on the occasion of his funeral on Feb. 12, 1928.

Mr. Rankin's obituary stated that "his funeral was probably the most impressive demonstration of its kind ever witnessed in Asheville."

From 9 a.m. until noon, the public was invited to file past his coffin, and then, after an impressive three o'clock service at First Presbyterian Church, the body of James Eugene Rankin was buried in Riverside Cemetery. Throughout the entire day, all city banks, county and city offices and schools were closed in deference to Mr. Rankin.

Such an account of the tribute paid to him only testifies to the high regard the citizenry of Asheville held for Mr. Rankin, dean of Asheville bankers, who died of pneumonia at his home at 53 Merrimon Avenue.

Although Mr. Rankin was born in Newport, Cocke County, Tenn., on April 27, 1845, he matured in Asheville and he was educated in private schools and at Lee's School in Chunn's Cove. After serving as a captain in the Confederate Army, Rankin settled in Asheville where he married, fathered six children and established his reputation as an honest and reliable merchant.

Rankin served as vice-president of the old Bank of Asheville, the first financial institution established in Asheville after the Civil War, and he also organized the Battery Park Bank. This latter institution bears the distinction of being the only local bank to survive the panic of 1907 and its solvency was directly attributable to the powerful personality and strength of character exhibited by Mr. Rankin.

In the realm of additional private endeavors, Rankin founded the Asheville Street Car Company, and he was associated with both the National Bank of Asheville and the Western Carolina Bank, while in the area of public service, he served as the chairman of the Buncombe County Commissioners for twenty-two years.

Between 1872 and 1890 Rankin was a member of the Board of aldermen. He was elected mayor three times — in 1872, in 1911, and again in 1919 under the newly-adopted commission form of government.

In 1925, in recognition of Mr. Rankin's private and public contributions to Asheville, the school board unanimously voted to bestow his name upon the new West Asheville Grammar School, on Cordova street.

Vance School Is Named For Civil War Governor

(Seventh in a series of articles on how our schools get their names.)

By JOAN LOIS LOCKHART

When secession and Civil War came, Zebulon Baird Vance, who was born on May 13, 1830, in a colonial pine log house 12 miles northeast of Asheville, and who had already served the North Carolina Legislature and the United States Congress, stated, "I prefer to be with my own people."

Thus, Vance joined the Confederate Army as a captain, formed the "Rough and Ready Guards," and later became colonel of the 26th North Carolina Regiment.

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After his capture at Statesville by the northern forces of General Kilpatrick, he awaited exchange in the Old Capitol Prison in Washington, D. C.

Since Vance was a political Conservative, who opposed secession up until the attack on Fort Sumter, the "Raleigh Register" warned the delegates to the 1861 nominating convention that "if Zebulon B. Vance is elected governor, the Yankees will claim that Union sentiment is rising in the heart of the Confederacy." However, cooler heads prevailed; Vance was nominated and elected by an overwhelming majority.

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Governor Vance became known as "the savior of his people," as a result of his efforts to alleviate the suffering he saw in his war-torn state. He obtained an appropriation from the General Assembly for the purchase of provisions which were sold at cost to the families of soldiers, and he put the state into the active business of blockade-running by financing steamer ships carrying bacon, scythes, blankets and shoes, as well as rifles, from England.

Governor Vance surprised those who feared that he would attempt to restore North Carolina to the Union, rather than accept the "deliberate judgment" of the people. Even when Jefferson Davis blamed Vance for the growing Unionist sentiment in North Carolina, the voters so loved their Zeb that they supported, defended and reelected him in 1864.

When peace came in the spring of 1865, the state was divided, defeated and exhausted; 40,000 of its strongest men had died. When the Reconstruction Government of Provisional Governor William W. Holden moved in on May 29, 1865, Vance went home, dejected but not forgotten, and by 1876, distaste for Republican Reconstruction restored Vance, the Democrats, and home rule.

After initiating a policy of land reform, Governor Vance attacked the problem of education by creating teacher-training programs at Fayetteville Colored Normal School and at the University of North Carolina. He also persuaded the Legislature to authorize school tax support.

Although U. S. Senator Vance died in Washington, D. C., in 1894, his memory is preserved, among other things, by the fact that Vance Elementary School in West Asheville was named in his honor.

Jr. High School Named For Dr. Hall Fletcher

JOAN LOIS LOCKHART

(Tenth in a series on how our schools got their names).

The three-story brick building erected in 1925 on a six-acre tract adjoining Garden Circle in West Asheville was named in honor of Dr. Hall Fletcher, a prominent Asheville physician.

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Although Dr. Fletcher had no official connection with education, he was so loved and respected by the people of Asheville that when his name was suggested to the school board, it was immediately accepted.

Dr. Fletcher was born Dec. 20, 1858, and like his father, Dr. George W. Fletcher, he was reared in the neighboring town of Fletcher. He received his medical training at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia.

Mrs. R. H. Wallace, who now lives on Houston street in Asheville, recalls that Dr. Fletcher was christened Marshall Hall Fletcher, in honor of the popular English author of the times, Marshall Hall.

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Although Dr. Fletcher was one of nine children who lived to maturity, only one brother, R. W. (Walter) Fletcher survives today at the age of ninety-one. In the old family home, two miles from the town of Fletcher, Walter Fletcher lives surrounded by oil paintings produced by various members of this talented family and by photographs of his granddaughter (and hence a grandniece of Dr. Hall Fletcher), Maria Beale Fletcher, who was Miss America of 1962.

The Asheville home of Dr. Hall Fletcher once stood on the site of the present "Three Brothers Restaurant," and his office was located next to Central Methodist Church on Church street. Dr. Fletcher was associated with the old Mission Hospital on Woodfin street. Another Asheville resident, Miss Nannie Moore, recalls that Dr. Fletcher was such an excellent doctor that "one visit from him generally cured you."

Dr. Fletcher attended Trinity Episcopal Church in Asheville. He married a "Yankee" and then, although he was too old to go to war, he volunteered, was commissioned as a major, and served in the Army at Brest during World War I.

Although Dr. Fletcher has been dead for 42 years, there are those who still remember his many gracious virtues and who point with loving pride to the school which bears his name — Hall Fletcher Junior High School.

Asheville Citizen June 19, 1967

Ribbon Cutting For New Moore's

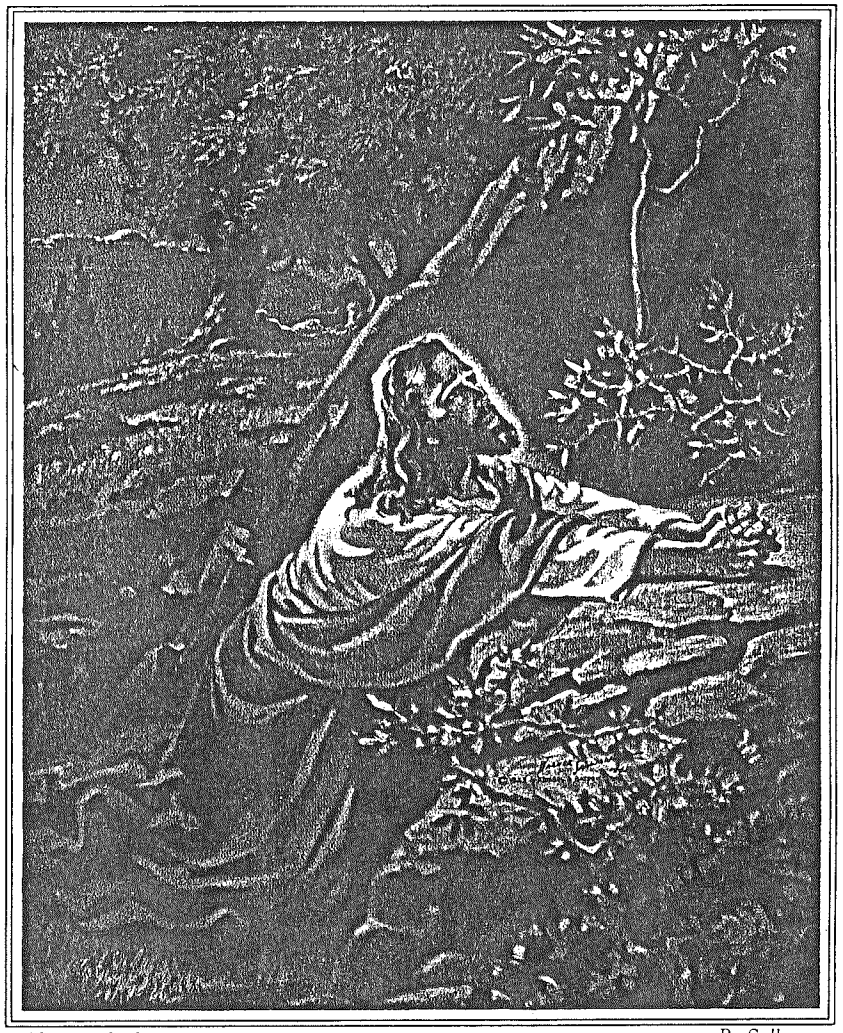
The ribbon was cut with a giant pair of scissors this morning signifying the opening of the new Moore's Super Store Inc. at the intersection of Enka road (U. S. 19-23) and Interstate 40. The store, 31st in the Moore chain, features quality building supplies at discount prices. Among those participating at today's ceremonies were (L-R): Frank Leppert, president of the West Asheville Businessmen's Association; Samuel L. Irvin, Asheville Chamber of Commerce president; Miss Asheville, Linda Maney; Mayor Earl W. Eller; Jim Vest, store manager; R. D. Nuckols of Richmond, Va., regional manager, and Wayne C. Klopp of Roanoke, Va., Moore's president. The store's Grand Opening period continues through July 13. (Staff Photo by Malcolm Gamble.)

YOU CANNOT LEAVE GOD OUT

Though you may try in many ways
To circumscribe your life,
To plan your time and chart your course
Amid the varied strife;
You may spurn heavenly guidance,
Turn from it with a laugh—
But somewhere in the plan of things
God will cross your path.
It may be in the Spring of Youth
He makes a bid for you,
You laugh Him off, there're other things
You must have time to do.
He tries again in middle life—
You turn away in wrath,
You need not Him, you're satisfied—
But God will cross your path!

Somewhere on down the road from you,
You cannot see it yet,
The God who made this universe
Will not let you forget;
He'll rearrange your little life
In ways you never knew,
And when you least expect Him there
He'll cross the path with you!
In the stillness of the night time,
When you think you are alone,
And no one sees, and no one knows,
There comes a warning tone;
The omnipresent God of love
Speaks in Christ's behalf,
Startles you from your compromise—
God has crossed your path!
No, you cannot leave God out of life,
I care not how you try;
Though you may dodge and shake Him off
Sometime you've got to die,
You'll meet Him face to face that day,
Not in His love, but wrath,
And all life's bravado will flee—
God has crossed your path!

The present circumstance which presses so hard against you, if surrendered to Christ, is the best-shaped tool in the Father's hand to chisel you for eternity. Do not push away the instrument, lest you lose its beneficial work.



Christ in Gethsemane — *By Sallman*

Asheville Drive-In Church

July 7, 1968

July 7, 1968

From Rebellion to Disaster

Lesson: Jeremiah 38:14-18; 39:1-2, 6-10

Read: Jeremiah 38—39

TIME: About 587 B.C.; 586 B.C. PLACE: Jerusalem

GOLDEN TEXT—"Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death" (Jer. 21:8).

Scripture Lesson Text

JER. 38:14 Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the third entry that is in the house of the LORD: and the king said unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a thing; hide nothing from me.

15 Then Jeremiah said unto Zedekiah, If I declare it unto thee, wilt thou not surely put me to death? and if I give thee counsel, wilt thou not hearken unto me?

16 So Zedekiah the king sware secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, As the LORD liveth, that made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek thy life.

17 Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; If thou wilt assuredly go forth unto the king of Babylon's princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and thou shalt live, and thine house:

18 But if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their hand.

39:1 In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it.

2 And in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, the city was broken up.

6 Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah.

7 Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon.

8 ¶ And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem.

9 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to him, with the rest of the people that remained.

10 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

Introduction

An age of spiritual declension turns its back upon the Word of God. The Prophet Jeremiah ministered to such a generation. The people of the prophet's day had become hardened to the truth and were rebellious toward the Word of God. A spirit of defiance had taken hold of them and their leaders. This attitude was preparing them for national sin.

While the nation was drifting from God and being drawn toward the maelstrom of destruction, Jeremiah was faithfully proclaiming God's message. He was pointing the way to deliverance and salvation.

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 1968

MORNING WORSHIP 8:30 WESTGATE SHOPPING CENTER

Organ Prelude----------Miss Inez Hipps, Organist

Invocation----------Rev. Ray Billings, Pastor, Edgewood Baptist Church

Song----------Mrs. Terry Cathey
Miss Cheryl Reeves

Welcome----------Mr. Frank Mulvaney, Vice Mayor of Asheville

Song----------The Reeves Sisters

Sunday School Lesson--------Rev. Nathan B. Penland, Pastor Asheville Christian and Missionary Alliance Church

Song----------The Reeves Sisters

Message----------Robert E. Harris

Hymn of Invitation----------The Reeves Sisters

Benediction----------Mr. John Fisher, President, Biltmore Iron and Metal Co.

Ushers---Mr. R. W. Jarvis Mr. Ray Higgins
Mr. R. T. Hooper Mr. W. P. Moore
Mr. J. C. Smith Mr. Redmon

We are nowin the height of our Drive-In Church season, and we are happy to have you in each service. Please come again and bring a friend.

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Six Colonial Stores Bought By Ingles

By LUTHER B. THIGPEN

Ingles, Inc., four-year-old Asheville food firm, has purchased six Colonial Stores in Western North Carolina, Robert P. Ingle, president, said today.

Ingles will take over three stores in Asheville, and others in Black Mountain, Marion and Morganton at the close of business Saturday night, and will reopen them next Wednesday under the Ingles name, Ingle said.

The Asheville stores are located on Merrimon Avenue, Haywood Road, and Tunnel Road.

Ingle declined to estimate the amount of money involved in the transaction.

A spokesman for Colonial said some of the employes would be transferred to other positions with that organization and the remainder will be offered positions with Ingles. About 100 persons are involved.

"We anticipate that with the new locations our volume will rise to $30 million a year," Ingle said. This would mean Ingles will have to more than triple the current volume of the Colonial Stores being purchased.

Ingle said his present three stores have sales totaling about $15 million annually.

The Merrimon Avenue Colonial Store is located within a few blocks of the newest of the Ingles stores which opened last March at Merrimon Avenue and Beaverdam Road.

Asked whether he thought the close proximity of the stores might have a bearing on their performance, Ingle said: "We feel that we're not going to prejudge any location until it shows on its own merits whether it can be a profitable operation."

The Patton Avenue Ingles store and the Haywood Road Colonial Store also are relatively close, but Ingle said the situation is different in this case, both stores being on roads with heavy traffic and near residential areas.

Ingle said he plans to carry "the same high quality merchandise" in the newly-acquired locations as he does in the existing stores, with emphasis on nationally-advertised name brands, top grade meats and produce.

He said it would take two or three weeks to complete the changeover in operation, including addition of outside signs and other necessary physical changes.

Ingle said the transaction was financed with his firm's own investment and with assistance of Northwestern Bank of Asheville and Merchants Distributors Inc. of Hickory.

Sale of the six Western North Carolina stores leaves Colonial with 420 supermarkets located in nine Southern and Midwestern states. Colonial plans to open six additional stores during the remaining months of 1967.

Ingle said he will go ahead

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Drive Safely and Save a Life Labor Day Weekend. See page 32.

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Ingles Buys 6 Colonial Stores

with construction of a previously-planned store at Oteen opposite the Veterans Administration Hospital.

He also indicated he is looking to future expansion.

"We do not feel that this will be the saturation point. There are still more cities into which we will expand."

Ingle, 34, started his food operation in 1963 with the Hendersonville Road store. He expanded that store in 1964, and opened his second store on Patton Avenue on Oct. 6, 1965. The Merrimon Avenue store followed in the spring of this year.

Ingles' unusual success in such a short span was the subject recently of articles in two nationally-circulated magazines serving the food industry.

Bruce Emory Research

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Day Care Center Party

Members of the Junior Rhododendron Club and children attending the Irene Wortham Day Care Center for Mentally Retarded Chhildren got together Tuesday afternoon for a party that left little to be desired. Gaily wrapped packages soon were opened and the small ones left no doubt about their satisfaction with their contents. And after the presents came refreshments. Representing the club were (L-R) Mrs. Brooks Ledford, Mrs. William R. Duckett, second vice president; Mrs. Don Freeman, Mrs. James Hopper and Mrs. Jack Burnett. (Staff Photo)

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ASTON PARK HOSPITAL

WHERE WE'RE GOING

ASTON PARK HOSPITAL, with a history of community service and personal concern since 1922, will now expand to its new 69-acre site on Rhododendron Park.

ARCHITECTS are making preliminary sketches. When plans have been approved by the N. C. Medical Care Commission, we shall break ground, sometime in the spring of 1969.

FIRST UNIT of construction will be an Extended Care Facility, for which *federal funds will be immediately available,* once the local portion is in hand. The Tri-Hospital Campaign raised approximately one half of Aston Park's $840,000-share.

AT A LATER DATE, when federal funds to help build a *general* hospital are available to Buncombe County, Aston Park will replace its present 50-bed facility, built in 1927 to accommodate 32 patients, with 50 to 100 general care beds on Rhododendron Park.

UNTIL THAT TIME, Aston Park Hospital on Hilliard Avenue will continue to provide its customary good care of general surgical, medical and emergency patients. Longer-term patients will be cared for in its new Extended Care Facility.

ASTON PARK'S E.C.F. will have all services and equipment to care for subacute patients needing an active, medically-oriented, hospital-based program: Physical and Occupational Therapy, minor surgical facilities, laboratory, x-ray, pharmacy, podiatric and dental facilities. Rooms will have piped-in oxygen. Doorways and aisles will be wheel-chair wide; walls will have handrails.

PATIENTS with recurring or progressive diseases, handicaps following surgery or stroke, or whose convalescence for other reasons is lengthy, will receive hospital care with the accent on rehabilitation. The community's acute beds are thus freed for those needing them.

ASTON PARK'S new E.C.F. will be the most complete, hospital-based Extended Care Facility in Western North Carolina. It will be designed as only the first unit of the 150-bed general hospital on Rhododendron Park which the Department of Hospital Administration of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill strongly recommended for Aston Park in its 1966 report on the hospital needs of Buncombe County.

OUR PRESENT HOSPITAL is, as always, well-staffed in all departments, with an unusual *esprit de corps.* We operate in the black each month.

OUR ASSETS, while insufficient to complete our building program, are enough to justify a start, thanks to bequests, pledges, donations and memorial gifts, large and modest, mainly unsolicited.

OUR GREATEST ASSET continues to be the good-will of countless friends. In answer to their inquiries, we announce the re-opening of our Building Fund. No solicitation of the general public is scheduled at present.

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N.C. Asheville - Eliada Home for Children

Eliada Home For Children Celebrates 65th Birthday

By MARY COWLES
Citizen Times Staff Writer

Eliada means "One whom God cares for."

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And this month, Eliada Home for Children, founded on faith and supported by voluntary contributions from persons all over the country, is celebrating its 65th year, with open house being held Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

The children who first found a home at Eliada are grandparents now; some are in their 70s. Throughout the area and throughout the land are thousands who taken from hopeless situations, spent their childhood at Eliada, and were directed into useful, fruitful careers in teaching, nursing, homemaking, farming industry and many other areas. One alumnus of Eliada became a state senator in Alaska.

CITIZEN

Eliada today bears scant resemblance to the one-room cabin in which the home had its start. The original four acres have been increased to a 387-acre dairy and farm on which is produced much of the food used in the home, and there now are approximately 30 buildings.

The physical plant includes a 50-room main building, a boys' cottage, a girls' building, the Green Cottage for primary children, the Earle Memorial, a cottage for the director; the Gay Green Recreation Building and Black Memorial Chapel, the dining hall and classroom building and three new cottages, the Reuter Memorial, Reynolds Memorial and Cummings Memorial in addition to other structures.

The home has its own school, attended by children in grades one through eight, and more time is given the individual youngster than is possible in public school.

A well-rounded program of study, work, recreation and social activities is provided.

The 99 children at the home live in cottages where every effort is made to avoid an institutional atmosphere. Each cottage has its own house parents or house mother who strive to achieve a typically homelike environment for their brood.

Rooms are cheerfully decorated and, significantly, there is an abundance of toys in evidence.

Although most meals are taken in the main dining room, usually in family groups, the children seated with their houseparents, the cottages are equipped with kitchens where on weekends and holidays the smaller groups gather for special meals, and often the kitchens are busy centers of activity with girls baking cakes or making fudge.

The children are taught to share in activities of the home, household, farm, poultry and dairy work, but still are allowed much time for play.

Music, both instrumental and vocal, and such subjects as homemaking, welding, carpentry, and electricity are integrated with Scouts, Pioneer Girls, 4-H, recreational and church activities, to give a well-rounded program.

Ranging in age from three years through 21, the children remain at Eliada for four to five years on the average, many through high school.

"But from the very beginning," said Arch Cameron, director of the home for the past 12 years, "our efforts are directed toward placing each child back into the community in a happy homelife situation."

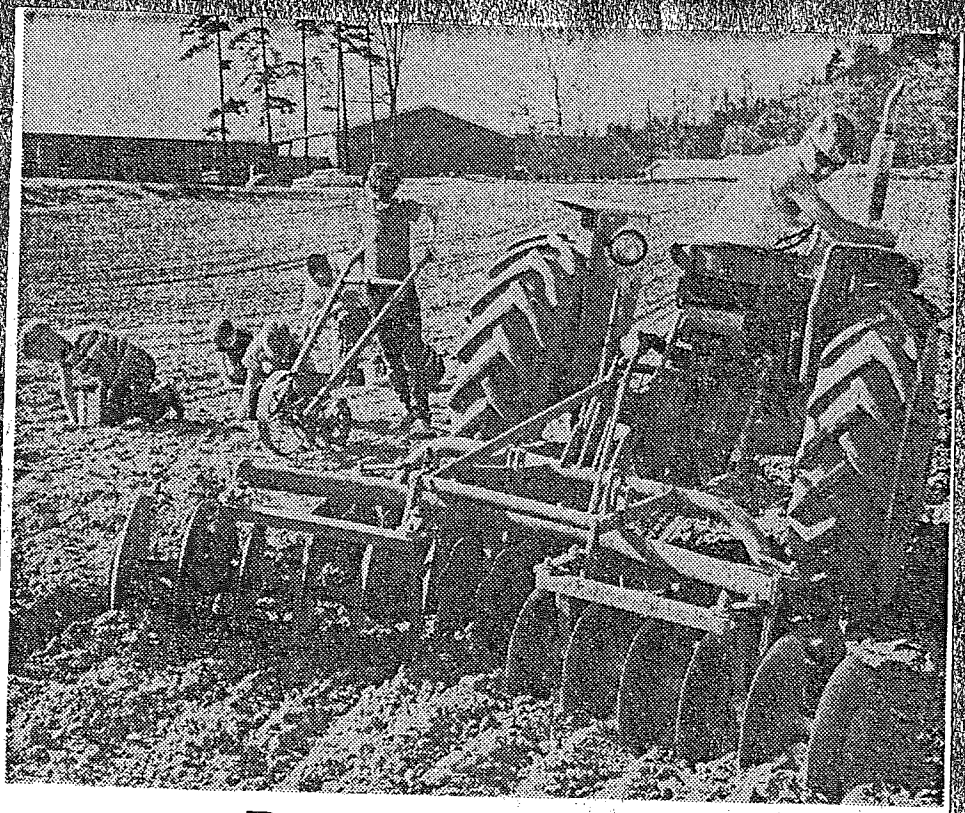
The vast majority of the children have their own brothers and sisters with them at the home. There is one family of seven children, one of six and one of five children at the home. Only nine are the single child of a family.

Applications for admission to the home come from pastors, parents, friends, welfare departments and the courts, and the home serves a total of 30 counties including all of Western North Carolina, plus four from out of state.

The home is dependent upon voluntary gifts for the $10,000 a month operating expenses. Some prefer to make substantial gifts to the progress fund of the school, while others pledge specific amounts per month, while others pledge $1 a month or more for the care of the children. Some individuals leave legacies to Eliada, while others name the home as beneficiary of insurance policies.

And, in addition to the well-trained staff of approximately 25 members (all house parents have had college training), the Eliada Home Auxiliary contributes substantially to the happiness of children to whom Eliada is home.

NORTH CAROLINA ROOM
Pack Memorial Public Library



Down On The Farm

Like all farm boys, those at Elida take part in the work, progressing from simple tasks for little folk to operating the farm machinery.

Work Starts On Modern Warehouse For Smith Firm

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Construction of a new 40,000-square-foot warehouse to serve the pharmacists of Asheville and Western North Carolina was begun this week, it was announced by F. Stacy Smith, president of the Dr. T. C. Smith Co., 93-year-old wholesale drug firm.

The building will be located on a 12-acre tract on Wilmington Street in West Asheville. The new warehouse and offices were designed by the architectural firm of Gudger, Baber and Wood after extensive studies of the latest and most efficient automation and electronic techniques at wholesale drug installations throughout the eastern states. Contractors are Merchant Construction Co.

The total installation, including building, equipment and inventory of nearly 20,000 drug products, will represent an investment of over half a million dollars. Smith said the latest material handling and accounting equipment will be installed. He said the new and strategic location brings this inventory of 20,000 drug store and pharmaceutical products closer to pharmacies in metropolitan Asheville and the surrounding 25-county area served by the Dr. T. C. Smith Co.

Target date for completion of the new building is March 15, 1963. Opening of the new wholesale drug installation, which will feature warehouse automation for fast, accurate order filling, and IBM electronic invoicing and accounting, will coincide with the firm's 94th anniversary. It was founded in 1869 by Dr. T. C. Smith.

The firm is believed to be the oldest established wholesale drug house in North Carolina, and one of the oldest in the South. From its beginning, it has continuously been managed by four generations of the same family.

A feature of the building will be a conference room which has been designed for the convenience of pharmacists to use for their association meetings.

Parking space for more than 50 cars will be provided for pharmacists visiting the large merchandise display room.

Asheville Citizen October 28, 1968

Of WNC's Meat Packing Center

By JACK WILLIS
Citizen-Times Staff Writer

A Chicago, it's not; but for Western North Carolina, Asheville is the meat packing center.

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Established in 1899, the Asheville Packing Company is one of the oldest packing firms in Asheville, according to its present owner and manager, Aston L. Cannon.

Built near the South French Broad River, the easiest and most convenient mode of transportation 70 years ago, the company is still located just off the Emma Road in West Asheville.

A CITIZEN

Cannon said its Pisgah Farm sausage and Tar Heel brand hams, bacon and sausage go into 14 WNC counties.

Stacked up with Swift, Armour, Valleydale, Rath's the brand may not be familiar to Asheville shoppers, but to patrons of country stores and crossroad groceries, Tar Heel is a standard brand.

Cannon said all the steers and hogs slaughtered come from local raisers. He said in a week, the company kills 35 steers and 130 hogs.

Cannon said his volume increases each year, yet he doesn't begin to absorb all of the WNC beef and hogs.

Most of it goes west to Tennessee or east to Piedmont and Coastal North Carolina, according to W. Riley Palmer, Agricultural Extension chairman.

Palmer said the large meat packers and processors such as Valleydale in Tennessee and Swift and Curtis in North Carolina are the prime market for WNC fat beef, what little there is raised here.

Most cattle and hog raising in the area are feeder operations, he said. The steers and hogs are pastured and auctioned off to outsiders for fattening on grain. The corn grown in the area is entirely for the dairy industry, Palmer said.

Without grain, he said, livestock in WNC will be confined to the feeder operations. And without the fat livestock raising, the area can't sustain a large packing industry.

Another increasing market for WNC livestock has been the individual buyer.

For under $250, a person can stow away some 400 pounds of meat in his freezer, enough to last a family of six through the winter.

Thursdays, auction day at Asheville's livestock yards, are busy for James Sluder at his Town and Country Packing Company, on Leicester Highway. He is not a commercial packer, but slaughters, dresses, butchers and freezes meats for individuals.

For about $175 a man can buy an 800 pound steer, he said. By the time it is dressed half the steer is thrown away as waste: the hide, bone, horns, hoofs and offal. At 6 1-2 cents a pound the remaining 400 pounds are dressed, butchered and frozen. This comes to $66, Sluder said.

All meat handlers in the county are inspected by the Buncombe County Health Department. In addition, Asheville Packing Company is periodically inspected by the State Department of Agriculture.

Although the last of November is traditionally turkey time, there will be many a family sitting down to a Thanksgiving dinner of baked ham or a standing rib roast from one of Asheville's packing concerns.

And surely come New Year's Day, turkey can have no place on a table reserved for hog jowls and black-eyed peas.

Asheville Citizen November 17, 1968

1916 Flood Left Six People Dead, Hundreds Homeless

By BOB TERRELL
Citizen-Times Staff Writer

Without warning, in the early hours of Sunday morning, July 16, 1916, nature struck Asheville a stunning blow.

The usually tranquil Swannanoa River, swollen by a week of rain and suddenly fed by a cloudburst, leaped out of its banks at 4 a.m., smashed into Biltmore with brute force, overflowed the village in a matter of minutes and drove people into the hills.

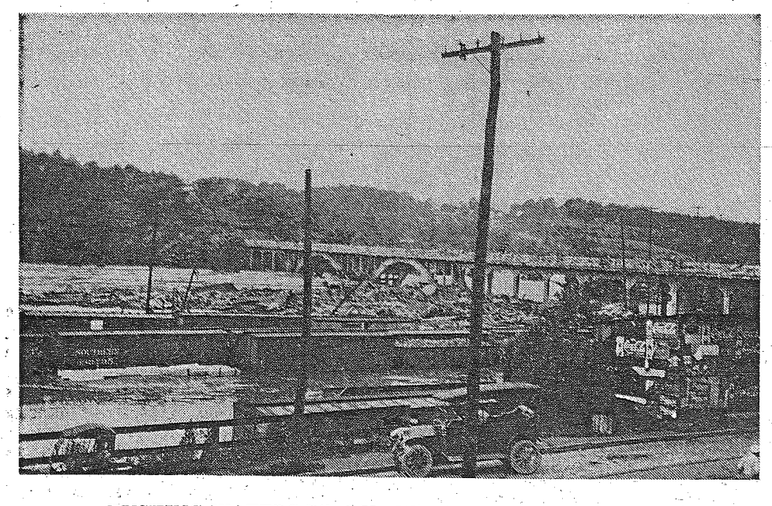
The Swannanoa cloudburst was the first blow in nature's two-fisted attack that left six people dead in Asheville, hundreds homeless, and property damages in excess of $3,000,000.

The second blow came later in the morning when the dams holding Kanuga and Osceola lakes in Henderson County burst, sending a wall of water down Mud Creek into the French Broad.

When this tidal wave swept into Asheville to add to the enormous volume of water already generated by the Swannanoa, it was more than the city's riverfront could stand.

Lumber yards, great warehouses, oil storage tanks, freight yards, bridges and homes gave way. Timbers cracked like rifle shots, and the air was filled with a dull roaring hum. The river moved deceptively slow in the backwater, but in the main channel it swept along like a fast express, laying waste to all before it.

AREAS FAR From The River Banks Were Inundated



RUSHING WATERS Piled Up Wreckage Along French Broad

In an hour the river flowed 15 feet deep through Biltmore and at several points was a mile wide. Railroad rails were twisted grotesquely, as if by a giant hand. Generators in the Weaver power plant, which supplied Asheville with electricity, were inundated and 150 feet of the Weaver Dam was swept away. Asheville suddenly became a city devoid of electricity, upon which mountain people had become so dependent. For several nights the city was to be one of darkness, the only light that of flickering candles, lamps and lanterns.

The city was cut off from the outside world. Telegraph lines were down for miles and the railroads stretching toward all four points of the compass were washed out. The only train that could get close to the city was the Murphy train which could make it to the Murphy junction two miles west of Asheville.

Events of that fateful day were to become indelibly stamped into the history of the Land of the Sky as "The Great Flood of 1916". Asheville wasn't the only area to feel the force of the flood. Marshall was dealt a staggering blow. Fifty-eight buildings were washed away and two lives lost there.

Rivers erupted from the mountain fastnesses all the way to the Piedmont, taking 29 lives and exorting such damage upon property that the loss could never be accurately calculated.

Truly, this was Asheville's day of examination — and the people were not found wanting. The flood spawned many feats of raw courage.

Fred Gash and Everett Frady of the Asheville Fire Department, Andrew Line, a boilermaker, and plain clothes policeman Fred Jones braved the vicious waters to rescue 40 people marooned at Hans Rees Sons tannery. One boat capsized with Frady, but he grasped a telephone wire and hand-walked across the torrent to safety.

A man, unidentified, tied a rope around his waist and leaped into the waters to swim to the rescue of another man floating on the roof of a house.

A physician, answering an emergency call, drove up to a barricade, demanded and got a right to drive his car across a quaking bridge, and continued on his errand of mercy.

Dozens of men in boats risked their lives to ferry marooned persons to safety.

Some lost their gamble with death . . . Lonnie Trexler, white, and Luther Frazer, Negro, both of Asheville, were drowned while passing provisions through a window at the Glen Rock Hotel to the imprisoned guests. While hundreds of people watched from high ground, the boat carrying Trexler and Frazer capsized and they were swept away. W. W. Vellines of Norfolk, Va., a visitor to the city, stripped off his clothes as he ran from his vantage point on the hill behind the Glen Rock, dove into the floodwaters and swam 75 yards to where Trexler was struggling for life, but Trexler sank just before his rescuer arrived.

At Biltmore, the other tragedy occurred. Captain J. C. Lipe, one of the first men in the area to be employed by George W. Vanderbilt in construction of the Biltmore House in the 1890s, was trapped by the floodwaters in a tree. With him were his youngest daughter, Kathleen, two nurses from Biltmore Hospital, Charlotte Walker and Mabel Foister, and Charlotte Walker's 15-year-old sister, Marian.

For four hours they clung desperately to the branches of the tree while the floodwaters continued to rise and rescue became more hopeless.

Then Charlotte Walker was swept away, and after her Mabel Foister. Capt. Lipe tried to tie Marian Walker to the tree, but she also lost hold and disappeared into the torrent.

After eight hours, only Capt Lipe and his daughter remained in the tree. He removed his coat and used it to lash Kathleen to the tree and then he, too, was washed away.

Finally, as the flood subsided, rescuers reached the tree and the half-conscious Kathleen was saved.

For many years afterward that tree was known as the "Tree of Death."

In the aftermath of the flood, Asheville police confiscated all available gasoline in the city for use in ambulances, fire trucks and autos which brought refugees to shelter, but not before some unscrupulous garage owners raised prices to $1 a gallon.

Asheville merchants recovered tons of canned goods which had been washed out of riverfront warehouses. The labels were gone and contents unidentifiable, but purchasers took pot luck, buying the cans for five cents each.

Sides of bacon and other cured meats were recovered, hosed off by the Fire Department, and put on sale at a penny a pound.

These acts helped alleviate the serious food problem created by flooding of the warehouses and the fact that the railroad was unable to freight in supplies.

Even while flood waters raged, a small committee gathered at the city council rooms in uptown Asheville and raised $2,000 for relief work, and this was supplemented the next day by the pledging of $10,000 by Asheville's affluent citizens at a mass meeting in the old auditorium.

Thus did Asheville begin to recover from the flood.

It was August 4 before a train came back into Asheville. The Spartanburg line was opened first, then the Knoxville line, and finally, weeks later, the Salisbury train ran again after that rail line was relocated through the ravaged valley of the Catawba.

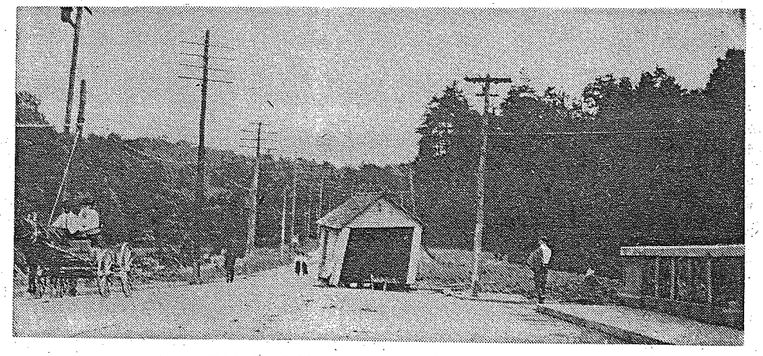
Even after that, nature struck a dying blow. On August 14, Toxaway Dam, weakened by the heavy rains, gave way and a solid wall of water 30 feet high went thundering down into South Carolina. No lives were lost, fortunately.

Many reasons for the flood were given. Meteorologists attributed it to two tropical cyclones that spent themselves in the mountain area.

Perhaps the most dubious reason was given by a Madison County preacher who was quoted in the Marshall News-Record of Friday, Aug. 4, 1916.

"A preacher who is alleged to have sold his vote in the primary election," the editor wrote, "thinks the Lord sent the flood on Marshall because of the fact that a moving picture show was being operated here. . .

"We have not heard," the editor concluded, "why the Lord at the same time sent the flood on Asheville and so many other places. Should the information be in hand at any time we shall be glad to hand it out."



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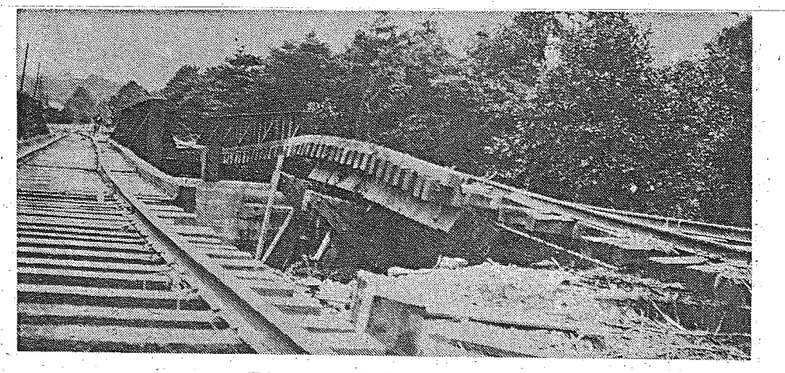

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Asheville Residents Served As Pilots In Both World Wars

These are chapters of lasting remembrance for Western North Carolinians in the records of military flying.

The records go well back toward the turn of the century, and they tell a story of quick response by young men of the mountain country, along with young men of the rest of the nation, to a challenge such as wartime combat had not presented before.

It was the challenge of warfare freed from the limitations of mud and trench and forest and translated to the skies.

Raw courage was the chief requirement of those who first accepted the challenge. Plenty of blue space would be available to them, but they would be very much alone up there, save for the enemy, and they would be dependent on fragile wings and problematical motive power. They would have no parachutes.

These deficiences would be corrected fairly soon, fortunately. Later generations of military pilots and gunners and navigators and observers would be equipped more dependably, and few of them would fight singly and longer. Jet planes would come with the waning days of the Second World War, and air fighting transformed.

Asheville flyers were participants in all of these transformations.

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The war over, he retired again from active duty in 1947 as a lieutenant colonel, returned to Asheville, taught Air Force reservists in a West Asheville School until 1955, and then, as a colonel, gave up military activities altogether.

It had been 38 years since he looked at the sky and decided he wanted to get up there.

There were not many places left in military aviation for Albert Boyd of suburban Asheville to go when he retired a little more than eleven years ago.

He had started out as a cadet, and became a major general.

He had flown the slowest military airplanes and the fastest, setting at one time a world speed record.

He had served at home and overseas in some of military flying's most important capacities, and had been described officially as being "largely responsible for the guarantee of excellence in the air weapons of today and those of the future," with his knowledge and skill "internationally known and recognized."

The Defense Department said that of him the day he received the Distinguished Service Medal. He wears, additionally, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Legion of Merit, and decorations from several foreign countries.

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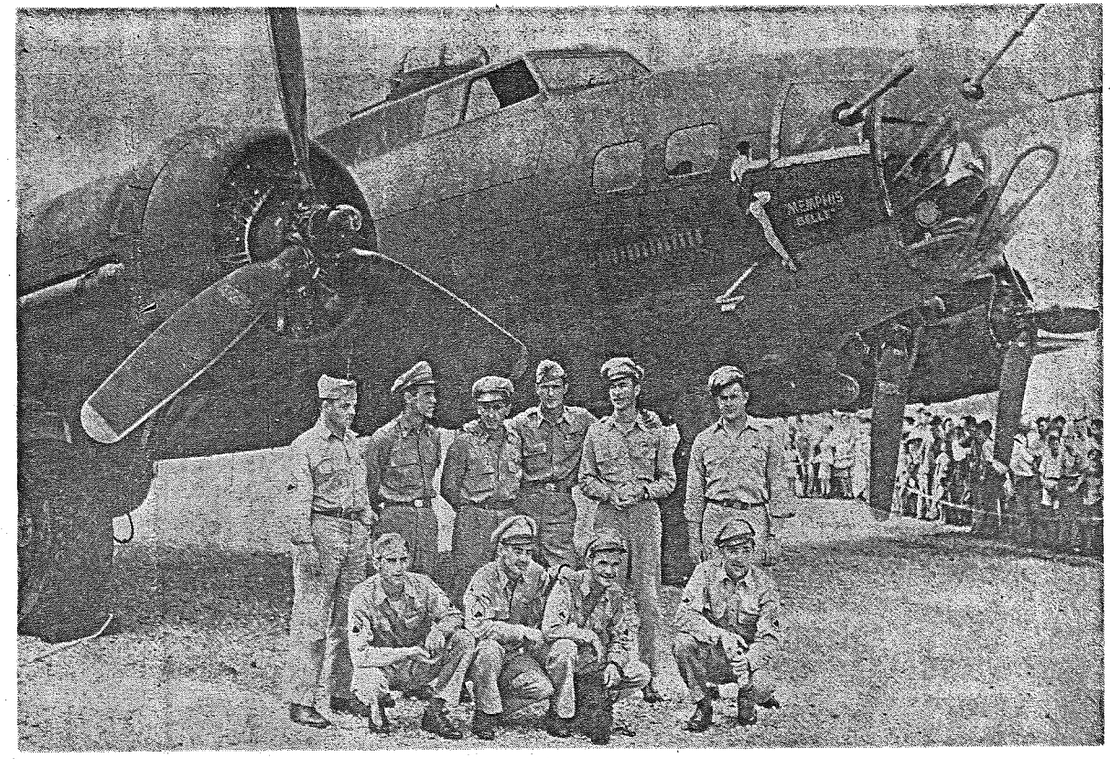
AAF commanding general, they flew home and started a tour of Air Force training establishments. That was what brought them to Asheville.

There was a lot of to-do at A-H airport when they arrived. The crew members were escorted to town for a parade and a luncheon, with Kiffin Rockwell Post of the American Legion helping do the honors. It was a well-decorated crew that Asheville saw; each member wore the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. One sergeant, the only crew member injured in all the Belle's fighting, had a Purple Heart.

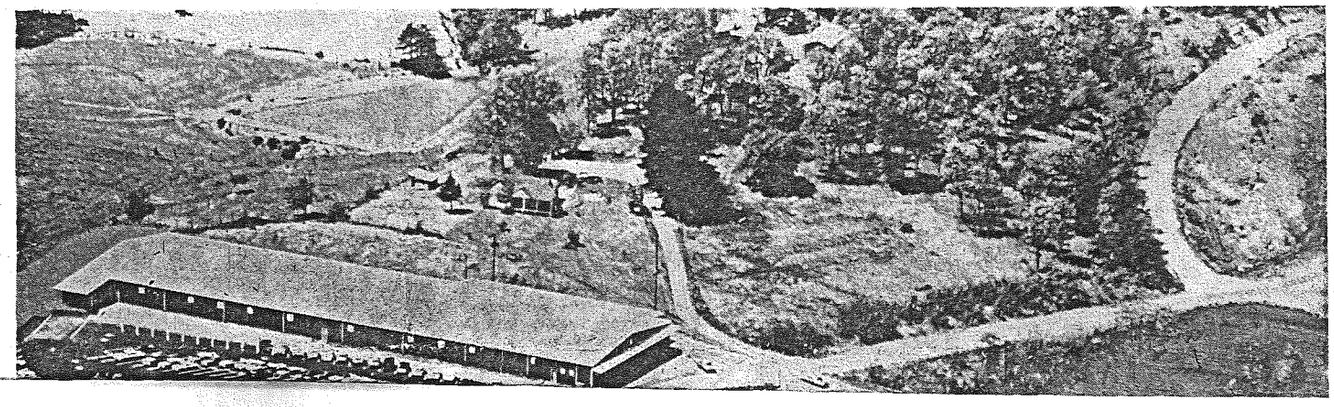
The city of Memphis bought the Belle for $300 in 1946. She just sat at the Memphis airport for several years, weathering. Then she was made presentable by volunteer craftsmen and turned into a World War II memorial.

Her commander saw more bombing duty before the war ended. He piloted a B-29 superfortress in a mass raid over Tokyo in November, 1944, with Brigadier General Emmett O'Donnell, the leader of the raid, aboard his plane.

He is Colonel Morgan now, and he sells Volkswagens in Martinsville, Virginia, on weekdays, then flies to Asheville to spend weekends at his home in Biltmore Forest.



VICTORIOUS TEAM—The Memphis Belle and her crew as they looked on their tour in the U. S.



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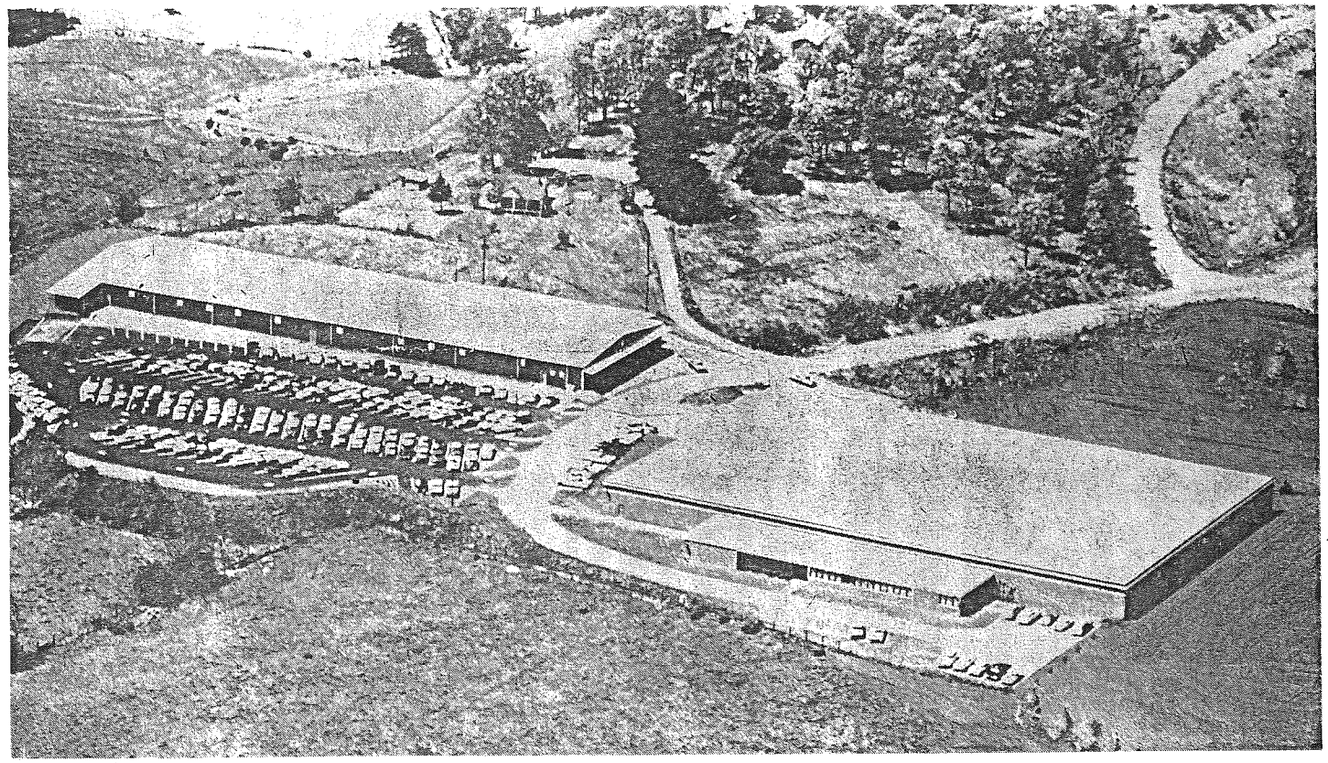

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Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, visited Kelly Field and saw one of Burge's formation flying performances, and Burge's promotion resulted.

He remained on duty at Kelly Field after the war, gained a commission in the regular service, and then decided that he preferred a civilian life. He opened his Asheville shoe store in 1930.

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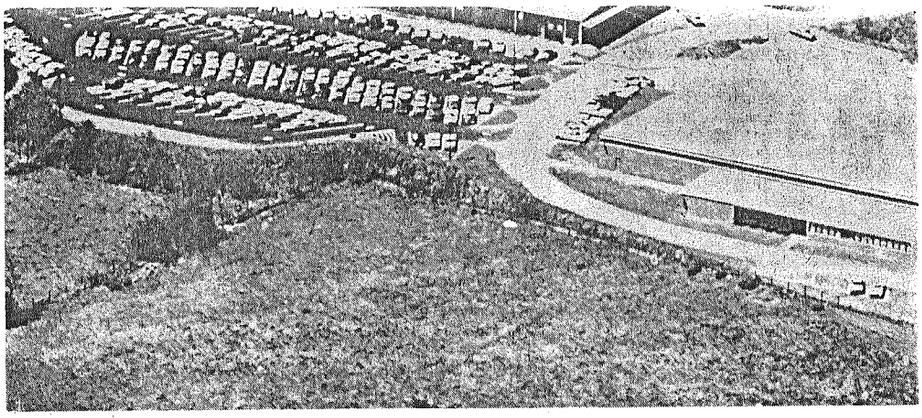
The ten men had taken charge of the Belle in September, 1942, at Bangor, Maine, flown her to England, and then flown her through 25 bombing missions, most of them red hot, over Germany and France. She bore plenty of battle scars.

Completion of the 25th mission entitled the Belle and her crew to relief from combat duty. By direction of the



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World War I Vets Get Together

Veterans of World War I met Sunday at the Legion Home at Haywood Road and Cloyes Street in observance of the 50th anniversary of the American Legion, professional veterans' organization. Looking at canteens, messkits, old uniforms and other memorabilia of the "War to end Wars" were, from left, Dr. S. Fay, Frank Ewers, commander of Legion Post 335; Sam Arvidson, William Duesser and George Rickman. All are from the Asheville area. (Staff Photo by June Glenn Jr.)

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Post 335, Auxiliary To Observe American Legion's 50th Birthday

West Asheville American Legion and Auxiliary No. 335 will celebrate the American Legion's 50th Anniversary with a reception at the Legion Home, Haywood Road at Cloyes Avenue Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m.

Theme for the observance is 50 Years of 100 per cent Americanism. A 6-cent postage stamp commemorating the Legion's 50 years is now on sale.

World War I veterans to be honored and who are members of Post No. 335 include Samuel E. Arvidson, Charles W. Chapman, William D. Deusser, Mrs. Otis Duncan, Frank J. Ewers, Dr. S. Fay, Irving F. Fogartie, Clifford C. Hughes, Ernest LaPatra, Ernest F. Pierce, George Rickman, James L. Sawyer, William H. Starnes, John van den Broek and Charlie R. Young.

The Auxiliary's Gold Star Mothers will also be honored during the afternoon. They include Mrs. Connie Aiken, Mrs. Flata Carter, Mrs. Edna Carland, Mrs. Jane Cook, Mrs. Wilma Hodges, Mrs. Ann Morgan, Mrs. Ella Morgan and Mrs. Etta Vance.

Organ music will be presented by Miss Mahdeen McCoy, and refreshments will be served.

All veterans of any war, their families, and friends and members of all American Legion posts in this area are invited.

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Every Day Is Wash Day

Mrs. Caryl Eppele gets help from her two daughters, Ruth Ann, left, and Esther, in washing, ironing and folding clothes for 16 boys in the cottage where Caryl and Ed Eppele are house parents.

She's 19 and he's 21 but Barbara and Dennis married two years now, thought a lot about coming to Eliada and now they're sure they made the right decision. They turned in their notices at the plant where they worked in Hendersonville at the same time.

Taking a job at Eliada was Barbara's idea. Dennis thought he might work in Asheville but about a week after he visited Eliada he declared, "The more I thought about it, the more I felt this was the place for me, too."

They cut their salaries in half when they came to Eliada in February but it didn't matter to them. Their room and board are furnished and Barbara says, "Here it seems our money goes twice as far."

And Dennis adds, "And we get a lot more pleasure working 24 hours a day, six days a week."

Barbara and Dennis work together to make sure the girls are properly cared for. Like Caryl Eppele, Barbara does the washing and ironing and on Saturday, she spends five or six hours sometimes shampooing little heads and setting hair so her girls will look pretty on Sunday.

Sunday is a day off for the Moores and they usually go back home for church and answer questions from the young couples there about what life is like for a young couple with a ready made family. Before the day is over, Barbara and Dennis have found they're anxious to get back to Eliada.

At other times that might be time off for them, they're busy with the children. When their girls are in bed, they have some of the older children up to their living room to play games and talk and Dennis is always ready for a game of ball with the boys.

In addition to their willingness to give and their obvious happiness in their jobs, Barbara and Dennis have a capacity for warmth and affection that makes them particularly close to their girls.

When Barbara tucks them in, she always gives a good night kiss and she says of it, "This goodnight kiss is something they've never had. They look forward to it as a treat."

Having Dennis around is something new for some of them, too.

"I think why they take after Dennis so much is that they've just had a single woman here before. They haven't had a 'Father' and I think they crave this."

Dennis had always thought he'd like to have blue eyed, blonde haired little girls of his own. Only two of the Moore's young charges fit this description but he's found it doesn't matter about the blonde hair and blue eyes so much any more.

Being a parent to nine at age 21 has made him open up his scope to include little girls with any color of hair and eyes who might come to his and Barbara's cottage in need of their care.

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Eliada Houseparents Are Young, Dedicated, Enthused

By CAROLE CURRIE
Citizen-Times Staff Writer

If Ed and Caryl Eppele or Barbara and Dennis Moore ever heard of the problems of the little old lady who lived in a shoe, they never took them to heart.

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The Eppele household includes 19 youngsters and the Moores', nine. The two couples are houseparents at Eliada Home for Children. They're doing their best to provide all the things parents are supposed to give and to provide so much of it there's plenty to go around — night and day, six days a week.

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Home director Arch Cameron understands the problems of the houseparent and when he's interviewing someone for the job, he tells it like it is.

"This is a way of life, it's not a job," says he. "Your life revolves around activities here. Very often your evenings involve just as much as your daytimes."

Some people who begin work as houseparents can't take the work for emotional or physical reasons. But others find a satisfaction that compels them to stay until retirement time.

The Eppeles came last July, knowing that they'll leave Eliada sometime in late summer for Venezuela where they'll be sponsored in the mission field by the Evangelical Alliance Mission.

In Rubio, Venezuela, they'll be houseparents at a boarding school for children of missionaires.

Now, they are Uncle Ed and Aunt Caryl to 16 boys from 10 to 16 years old. They are Daddy and Mama to their own three children, two pre-school girls and a nine-year-old boy.

"It's made some changes in our lives, I would say," admits Ed, somewhat reluctantly, but Caryl claims things aren't so different.

"We live in a government housing project in Columbia (Ed was a student at Columbia, S. C. Bible College) and people were always trotting through our house anyway," she says.

Certain there's plenty to keep them from getting bored. Ed teaches Bible, math and health classes at the school at Eliada in addition to sponsoring a woodworking club.

Caryl teaches a Sunday School class, does all the boys' washing and ironing except for sheets, directs house cleaning when the boys get in from school in the afternoon, keeps track of music lessons and appointments for the boys and signs notes granting them permissions.

At night, Ed and Caryl both pitch in to help with homework. "The one thing I couldn't help with is Algebra," says Caryl with a laugh but she doesn't have trouble giving help in reading which she got from her elementary school teaching days in Cleveland, Ohio.

When household responsibilities are over and all lights are off in the boys rooms, Caryl likes to crawl in bed and read during her few precious, private moments. Ed laughs when he says he just likes to sit quietly and watch the fish in the aquarium but he doesn't apologize for his inert hobby.

The Eppeles feel that the experience at Eliada has been a benefit to their own children.

"They've learned to get along with other children," says Ed and Caryl adds, "The girls can take a lot of teasing."

"If we'd had any difficulty, we wouldn't be going to Venezuela," Ed explains.

As much as possible, they try to treat the boys the same as they treat their own children. Caryl bakes goodies for all when she has time and on a recent weekend, the Eppeles planned an outing for their group at the lake on Eliada property which included an afternoon of fishing followed by a picnic supper and then a campfire.

This is the life the Eppeles were looking for. They've found it at Eliada and they hope to find it in Venezuela. Ed admits he misses Caryl's cooking this year and Caryl says she misses having the time to do home canning and jam and jelly making but this spring she has something more important to her — enough room for a flower garden for the first time.

When Barbara and Dennis Moore walked into the dining room the first day they came to Eliada, there were whispers among the students and Barbara and Dennis knew what was being said — "They're so young!"

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Lions Dedicate Cottage; Install 1969-70 Officers

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Western North Carolina Lions proudly dedicated their new $75,000 cottage at Eliada Home Friday night.

Delivering the dedication address, Cong. Roy Taylor said that in the handsome cottage, "a dream becomes a reality," in the same way that a space dream became reality this week.

"This project," he said, "shows that great things can be accomplished when there is a total commitment and when the Lions of District 31-A work together — and this project has had 100 per cent participation."

Taylor, himself a former governor of District 31-A, singled out F. Gudger Cabe for special praise for his work in supervising construction of the building at no cost to the Lions district.

"Gudger had retired," Taylor said, "but he did a Joe Namath and 'unretired' and started quarterbacking again and went to work for WNC Lions — or perhaps it was for the boys and girls at Eliada Home."

Others participating in dedication ceremonies were John P. Ramsey, immediate past district governor, and Robert R. Barnes, F. Jack Cole, Willard Hensley, Robert W. Easley Jr., Lawrence B. Leatherwood and Lawrence C. Stoker, all WNC Lions.

Arch Cameron, Eliada Home director, accepted the cottage on behalf of the home, its staff and children. The dormitory had been a five-year project of the 44 Lions Clubs in District 31-A.

The following 1969-70 officers were installed:

M. Richard Harshaw, district governor; George T. Johnson, cabinet secretary-treasurer; John M. Manuel, L. A. Coman Jr., Wade Huey and William M. Staudenmaier, deputy district governors, and Martin Dunn, Norman Reese, Frank E. Hendricks, Ralph L. Smith, Clifford Pearson, Lloyd C. Ducker Jr. and William E. McGee, zone chairmen.

NORTH CAROLINA ROOM
Pack Memorial Public Library

Lions Present Cottage To Eliada Home

Western North Carolina Lions dedicated an Eliada Home dormitory and installed the new District 31-A Cabinet Friday night. Taking part in the ceremonies were, (L-R) F. Gudger Cabe, a former Lions district governor who presented the cottage to Eliada Home; Cong. Roy A. Taylor, a former district governor who gave the dedication address; John P. Ramsey, outgoing district governor; M. R. Harshaw, new district governor, and Arch Cameron, Eliada Home director, who accepted the cottage on behalf of the home. (Staff Photo)

People Projects Progress

A Review of 50 Years of Asheville Kiwanis

by Carl B. Hyatt, Jr., Trustee Kiwanis International

One the evening of August 11, 1919, the permanent organization meeting was held at the Langren Hotel. There were 119 charter members. Ned Wheeler was elected president, and Harry Gruver, Harry MacDonnold's father-in-law, was elected secretary. Ned served two terms as president of the club. Bob Lewis is our only remaining active charter member.

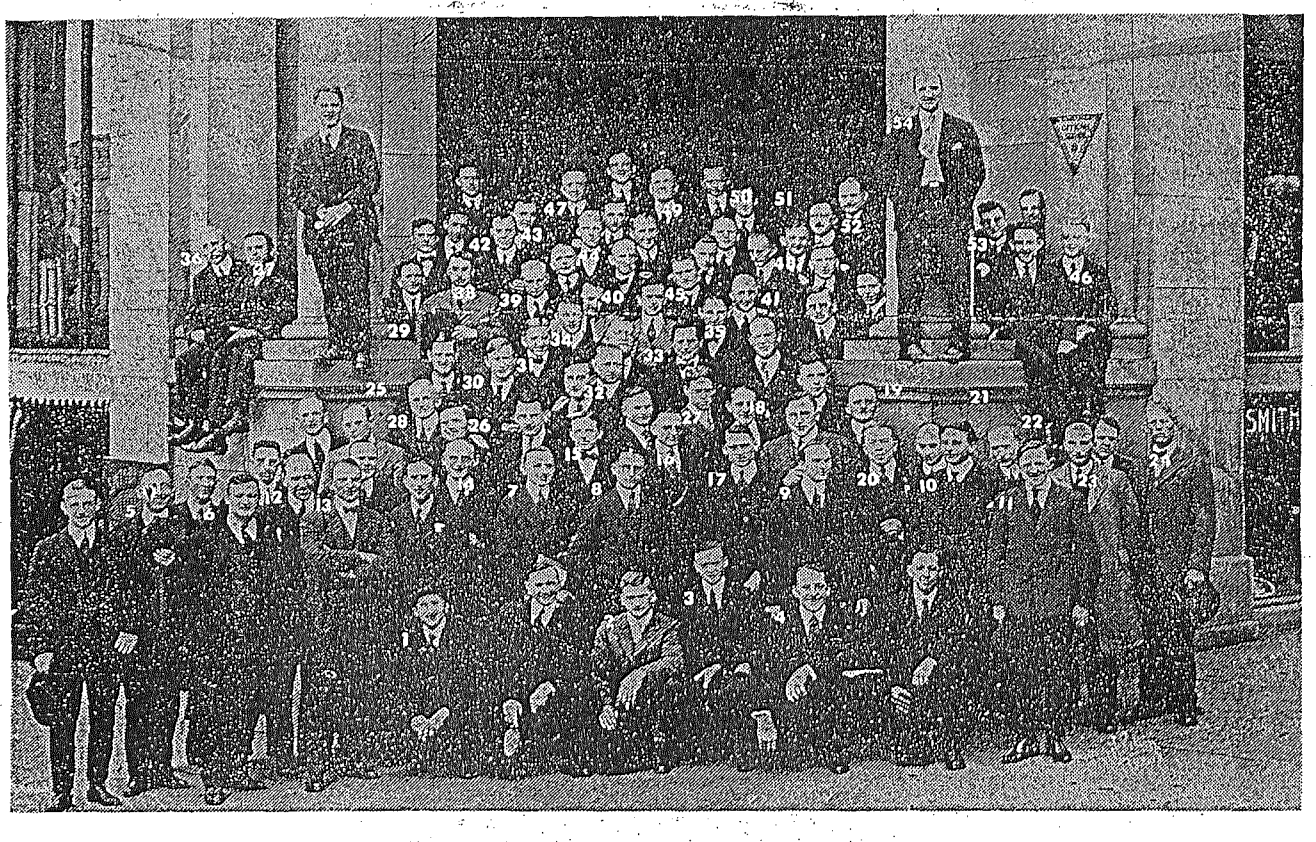
Asheville was the first Kiwanis Club to be organized in the two Carolinas. Our charter was presented on the night of October 14th at Grove Park Inn by Roe Fulkerson, an International Trustee of Kiwanis.

The club soon settled down to feeling its way. We played our part in the development of the tunnel through Beaucatcher Mountain, the establishment of the first airfield, and the birth of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

In 1922 Ned Wheeler, our first president, became the first lt. governor from the Asheville club. 1922 also saw the formation of our Kiwanis band. Ray Wanner was a member of that band and played the clarinet. The band was good, it was in popular demand, and the group played before the international convention which was held in Atlanta.

By 1925 club membership had reached the ceiling set of 135, and there was a waiting list.

In 1927 Walter Adams and Ray Wanner were elected to the Board of Directors, and it was not long until Ray became secretary of the club, a position he held until 1954 when he retired and was succeeded by Clarence Gilbert. Ray was re-elected secretary in 1959, and today is the oldest secretary in the Carolinas District in terms of service.



LANGREN HOTEL entrance furnished the background in 1920 when Kiwanians posed for their club picture. Present for the occasion were: 1. Robert Hoffman, 2. Robert J. Lewis, 3. J. T. Henry, 4. Edward E. Wheeler, 5, Julian P. Kitchin, 6. Joseph F. Ford, 7. J. Lawrence Widman, 8. Dr. Ollie N. Donnahoe, 9. Harry E. Gruver, 10. Dr. Roswell E. Flack, 11. T. Perry Young, 12. Clarence E. Sawyer, 13. Albert P. McGraw, 14. C. C. Carr, 15 W. Ernest Reid, 16, Percy C. Blackman, 17. Drayton Miller, 18. Dan W. Hill, 19, W. F. Faucett, 20, Bernard Elias, 21. Robert F. Moody, 22. Dr. Harley G. Brookshire, 23. Fred Hester, 24. Wofford F. Humphries, 25. Dr. George J. Evans 26. George A. Diggs, 27. F. O'C. Fletcher, 28. William M. Redwood, 29. Charles G. Worley, 30. James G. Stikeleather, Sr., 31. Marcus Sterne, Jr., 32. R. L. Fitzpatrick, 33. Thomas S. Clark, 34, Dr. Milton M. Leonard, 35. Weaver V. Wilson, 36. William M. Smathers, 37. Neptune Buckner, 38. Harmon Miller, 39. Hugh C. Johnson, 40. Henry Westall, 41. Sam M. Stevens, 42. A. L. McLean, 43. Charles G. Lee, Sr., 44. Bynum H. Sumner, 45. Fred Myers, 46. Loren B. Harding, 47. Edgar C. Greene, 48. Wythe M. Peyton, Sr., 49. Dr. William J. Honnicutt, 50. Riley Hampton, 51. Fred W. Thomas, 52. Dr. Eugene B. Glenn, 53. William Allen Riddick and 54. Seth J. Perkinson.

Honors came to the club as Ira Jones and Joe Chiott served as Lt. governors, and as Joe served as District Governor in 1951, and Early Lee as Lt. Governor in 1955.

In 1954 in the term of Harold Shipley our miniature train project became a reality, as $11,500 worth of bonds were sold in less than a month to finance this project. Most of the bonds which were 4 per cent bonds payable in three years were bought by members of the club.

In 1956, the club expressed its concern in a tangible way for the Sooz family. Dr. Sooz was a Hungarian refugee who had literally fought his way from behind the Iron Curtain. After he came to Asheville he was elected an honorary member of our club. On one of his speaking tours he was involved in an automobile accident and killed. The club decided to build a home for his wife and children at Montreat. $6,000 was raised, and much material and labor was donated. There has been sponsored baseball, calf chains and magazines sales, the travelogue, a station wagon for the mentally retarded school, help for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and pancake suppers. We organized two key clubs and organized new Kiwanis clubs in Cherokee, Waynesville, Black Mountain, Biltmore, and reorganized the West Asheville club.

The early 30's saw Asheville and the Kiwanis Club reeling from the blows of the depression. Membership dropped to 65. The George Vanderbilt Hotel lowered the price of meals to 65 cents, and dues were lowered to $12.50 per quarter. Many members were suspended each month for non-payment of dues, and re-instated the following month as they scraped together enough to pay.

Walter Adams was appointed chairman of a "Give a Job" movement, and in 1932, Walter became president of the club.

In 1935 perhaps our greatest project, the Preventorium was born. The Preventorium was organized to take in children on the verge of tuberculosis, and provide them with treatment, rest, medication and good food. This project became a reality because of the untiring efforts of a great many members, but none greater than Walter Abernathy and Dr. John Houston. The building was completed in June 1935, and on July 22nd, it opened with nine girls and seven boys between the ages of 6 and 12, with two registered nurses in charge. Its success was immediate and by 1936 the club managed to have the Preventorium free of all indebtedness.

E.E. Wheeler, 1st President, Recalls Early Growth

With the arrival of Kiwanian George Selig from the Knoxville Kiwanis Club (a paid National employe) the Kiwanis Club of Asheville was begun in June 1919. The writer of this article was the first member to sign up for Kiwanis.

We were the first Kiwanis Club in the Carolinas, and we then sent a delegation to Charlotte where the second club was organized. Then Spartanburg, S. C., was presented a charter with Jim Hall and Jim Stikeleather both singing their favorite songs, and we presented in quick succession charters to Shelby, Hickory and Morganton.

The Rotary Club was the only civic club in Asheville when our club was organized. They had about sixty members and it was hard to enter this group. Kiwanis was asked to follow the Rotary Club when the David Millard High School was opened and a parade was to go from down town to that building, which was considered one of the finest high schools in the South. It was only then that the public realized new life had been added to the civic urge of the city. With Clinton Hughes as grand marshall, just back from the war, we swung into Patton Avenue and headed for the school, then our only high school. We were swung two abreast. Following Clinton was a large cloth banner, the standards carried by Charlie Lee and Dr. William Ray Griffin. Then followed all Kiwanians, about a hundred or more, wearing crimpled paper sashes and Indian feathered hats.

Kiwanis was always a singing club. Seth Perkinson led every weekly meeting with entire-member choruses. Jim Stikeleather frequently sang his favorite solo, "Negro Baptizing" to the disgust of Dr. Wm. Francis Powell. Jim Hall's song was "Big Feet" and Grady Reagan, just back from the war, sang "Bloody War." Singing has made Asheville Kiwanis a happy band of carefree men.

The club was growing in numbers now in its second year and William Redwood of Redwood & Co. on the Square was now vice-president.

Harry Gruver was an alert secretary. He was a splendid organizer and quite forceful, very much interested in education. Mainly through his effort Miss Ruth O'Shaughnacy, the blind musical prodigy, was sent by the Kiwanis Club to the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music for further training.

An amusing incident occurred in the short space of time we were in Battery Park Hotel. It was early in October and straw hats were getting to look sad. Bernard Elias was in the chair. We got Will Smathers (then manager of M. V. Moore & Co.) to save all the straw hats being discarded by purchasers of felt hats. We then wrote a bogus letter purported to be written by the then National Kiwanis organization, saying October the first would be known as Straw Hat Day, and no Kiwanis was privileged to wear a straw hat after that date. The box of discarded straws was smuggled into the hat room adjacent to the dining room. The bogus letter was read and someone moved we accept and put in force the order. As pre-arranged, a motion was then made that the chair order the six men then named to go to the anti-room and destroy any straw hats hanging there. The motion was put and the chair asked all in favor to say "I." He then ruled the motion carried without the "Nos," and the hats came sailing into the dining room, torn up as they arrived. Consternation reigned as the members thought they were their straw hats destroyed. Jim Bushe rushed to the hat room to get a new Panama straw he had bought at a cut price for next year, but it was there. W. F. Humphries was mad; he would walk out on such ruling. He passed the door and his hat was still there. Vonno Gudger pointed to a torn straw hat on the floor and said, "Ned, just look at my old 'Katy.'" In reality only the hats given by Will Smathers were destroyed.

The last charter presentation was at Morganton where LeRoy Abernathy (later a valued member of the Asheville club) had gathered a splendid group and formed a club. A large delegation came from Asheville by railroad. We met in the new hotel there for the charter presentation.

This concludes the recollections of early Kiwanis of Asheville. But, may I say, Kiwanis has shaped the future of this city.

E.E. Wheeler (1958)

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Burton Street School

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May Be Put Into Use

By JAY HENSLEY
Citizen Staff Writer

The old Burton Street School may once again become a focal point in the lives of the people in that part of West Asheville.

Barring technical roadblocks, the Asheville City Board of Education will lease the old school building back to the people for use as a community center.

A delegation from West Asheville headed by a group of citizens now operating a center in cramped quarters on Edgar Street asked the board Monday night for use of the building.

Miss Fannie Gordon said the independent group has been organized since 1967, and the Edgar Street facility is now too small to accommodate the program.

She told the school board at its meeting in City Hall that the group would settle for a six-month lease just for the opportunity to demonstrate what can be done.

W. P. Griffin, school superintendent, said the board can lease such property for one-year periods, and that leases can be renewed from year-to-year.

Philip N. Sales, board chairman, noted that the City Parks and Recreation Department has also requested use of the Burton Street School property.

But the sympathies of the entire board seemed to be with the citizens group, provided such a lease can legally be negotiated. Support was also forthcoming from at least one spokesman from outside the area.

J. Don Williams, treasurer of the Hadley Corporation, told the board he is familiar with the efforts of the citizens group which he said has outgrown the present community center quarters on Edgar Street.

"I wouldn't have bet 25 cents on the success of the center — except for the determination of the people," Williams said of the present operation in a four-room building.

"I personally feel they know the needs of the community, and they are willing to work," Williams said.

Miss Gordon said the Opportunity Corporation, which is also familiar with the efforts of the group, has been asked to negotiate a lease agreement with the school board for the Burton Street building.

A letter from Lonnie D. Burton, acting director of Opportunity Corporation, was read to the board in which the proposal was accepted.

The Edgar Street group said they want to start basic adult education classes and recruit retired teachers to work with school children who are not able to keep up.

Sales and board members John Q. Schell and Dr. Michael F. Keleher said they are in favor of the proposal, but pointed out that legal technicalities may have to be solved.

Dr. Keleher asked that the group submit an operational plan. The group would have to assume responsibility for maintenance, it was pointed out.

The board went on record approving recommendation by the Buncombe County Board of Education to appoint Gordon H. Greenwood, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, to an eight-year term on the Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute's board of directors.

The school board also approved a recommendation to classify lunchroom employes other than managers as part-time employes for retirement purposes, and acted on a number of assignment requests.

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MRS. SWILLING MRS. CARSON MRS. HOPPER MISS BROOKSHIRE

Jr. Rhododendron Officers

New officers were elected for the Junior Rhododendron Club at a meeting Monday night in the club room of Carolina Power and Light Company. They are Mrs. Marilyn Carson, president: Mrs. Harry Swilling, first vice president: Miss Patsy Brookshire, secretary; and Mrs. Jim Hopper, treasurer, Mrs. Bart Bryson, second vice president, was not present for the picture. Plans were completed for the officer installation dinner to be held Dec. 1, in Bucks Red Carpet Room. George Tisdale, district manager of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. spoke on the one cent sales tax increase at the meeting.